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New Year's Junkanoo held on Green Turtle Cay



Crowds of visitors and locals gathered along the concrete roadsides in the town of New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay on New Year's Day in eager anticipation of the sounds of goatskin drums and cowbells and the flurry of the bright colors of Junkanoo. The streets were full of activity as many people visited shops, vendors and restaurants to buy a variety of treats. A variety of American and Bahamian foods were on sale throughout town. Above: The Junkanoo dancers were followed by the band of drummers, horn blowers and cowbell shakers who kept a steady pace for the duration of their long trek around the settlement of New Plymouth. The day was filled with families, festivities, food and fun as many were delighted with the day's celebration.

By Mirella Santillo

As usual, the New Year's Day Green Turtle Cay Junkanoo Parade was a display of colours, music and goodwill as residents and visitors joined in the rush going through town.

At 2:30 pm, heralded by children, the Green Turtle Cay Slammers Junkanoo group made their way down hill towards Parliament Street, the colorful feathers of the costumes bobbing in the wind. Girls dressed in pink and white, wearing feathery masks, lead the procession in the front row of the group.

The theme this year was "Carnival," illustrated by masks. Masks of every shape, colour and size were worn individually or decorated the huge costumes some of the men wore. Nearly all the revelers' eyes were covered by green, gold or purple masks with dangling feathers or streamers. Cow bells, trumpets and drums completed the show. The musicians played to the tune of "Oh Sam." A happy atmosphere emanated from the

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Art Centre holds grand opening in Hope Town



The Grand Opening of the Hummingbird Art Centre in Hope Town on January 5 featured work from Brigitte Boyer-Carey, Walter Bartman and Arnie Casavant. The Centre is the brainchild of Jim and Christy Young who restored the Loyalist cottage and renovated it as an art gallery. More works are slated to be featured in the near future. Above: visitors mix and mingle during the grand opening. For more see page 11.

\$1.3 million road repair contract signed



A contract worth \$1.3 million to repair roads in Central Abaco was signed at the Ministry of Works and Urban Development between the Bahamas Government and Bill Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd., January 3. Pictured from left: General Manager, Bill Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd., Keno Simmons; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Urban Development the Hon. Philip Davis; and Member of Parliament for Central and South Abaco, Edison Key. (BIS Photo/Letisha Henderson)

By Llonella Gilbert

Bahamas Information Services

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Urban Development, the Hon. Philip Davis signed a contract worth \$1.3 million to repair roads in Central Abaco at his office, Thursday, January 3, 2013.

During the contract signing, Deputy Prime Minister Davis explained that in 2012, it was observed that the roads in

Central Abaco (in the vicinity of Marsh Harbour, Murphy Town and Dundas Town) had significantly deteriorated over an extended period of time.

"As a result, the Ministry of Works and Urban Development was requested to design and assess the scope of works for the repair of the roads in Central Abaco and to enter into negotiations with Bill

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The Cays

Sea Spray Junkanoo delights crowd and honours memory



Above: Monty Albury remembered with the presenting of a plaque to his two sons. Left to right: Hon. Daniel Johnson (Min. Youth, Sports & Culture), Junior Mernard (Sea Spray General Manager), James Albury, Bradley Albury.

Below: The Spring City Rockers were brightly dressed for the evening.



On Friday, December 28, 2012, Sea Spray Resort and Marina, on Elbow Cay, hosted the Second Annual Junkanoo Parade. The event each year aims to honour the memory of an Abaconian who has made a difference in the community. This year Monty Albury, who in fact founded Sea Spray, was honoured. Monty's two sons, Bradley and James Albury, were present to receive a plaque and banner in his memory. Sea Spray's manager, Junior Mernard, and Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture- Minister Daniel Johnson - presented the award.

The event was very well attended. Many tourists visiting Abaco made their way to White Sound that evening to watch the Spring City Rockers "rush." VIP seats were provided to visitors who wanted an unhindered view of the spectacle, as well.

Two other Junkanoo groups had agreed to attend the event to compete in the parade, but backed out last minute.

Nevertheless, The Spring City Rockers put on an unforgettable show for many of the first-time visitors, many of whom were caught up with the beating of the drums and cowbell ringing. One notable member of the audience joined the rush itself; Min. Johnson could be seen making his way through the feathered, masked dancers and encouraging the crowd to join in the march.

Some in the crowd commented that seeing these kinds of cultural events is precisely the reason they consistently choose

Abaco and the Bahamas to be their vacation destination. "Bahamians being Bahamian," one noted, "is what makes this place special. It's authentic."

The Rockers made an encore rush later that evening to the delight of the crowd.

Many who came from mainland Abaco came by way of Albury's Ferry, who was running a special for the evening. When midnight came, and the final boats were ready to return to Marsh Harbour, few were ready to depart as the beating of the goat skin drums could still be heard while those lucky enough to stay in Hope Town continued to enjoy the revelry.



Above: Minister Daniel Johnson encouraging participation.

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Wanted man captured by police over the holidays

Continued appeals to the public for assistance yield results

By *Canishka Alexander*

Just after the Christmas holidays, Nevin Russell was captured by officers of the Marsh Harbour Police Station after evading them for a little over a month.

Russell, 44, was apprehended on Dec. 29 in the Pigeon Pea community, and was arraigned on 12 counts of housebreaking, shophacking and stealing at the Magistrate's Court on Jan. 2.

Sitting in for Magistrate Ancella Evans-Williams, Administrator Preston Cunningham read the charges brought against Russell. Although he pled not guilty to 10 of the charges, Russell did plead guilty to two of them.

Madam Prosecutor W/Sgt. 1697 Taylor Bain objected to bail for Russell because of the volume of crimes he had allegedly committed. However, Russell said that he was not seeking bail, but rather psychological evaluation for his substance abuse to get his life back in order.

As Administrator Cunningham read the charges once more with the adjournment dates for each matter, he announced that bail was denied. Dismayed, Russell shook his head repeatedly in the prisoner box as he received the unwelcomed news that he would be remanded to Her Majesty's Prison.

Meanwhile Detective Sgt. 2377 Christopher Farquharson personally thanked Abaconians for their assistance, which eventually led to Russell's arrest. He added that the majority of the crimes taking place in 2012 with reference to robberies, shophacking and housebreaking occurred in or around the Mud or Pigeon Pea.

"We'd like to appeal to the good persons in the Mud and the Pigeon Pea not to allow crime to prevail in your community," Detective Farquharson said. "Wherever you may see people committing offences in your community or bringing stolen properties to you to sell, we ask you to call the police, so that we can capture these persons."

He also appealed to young Haitian-Bahamians to refrain from committing crimes because there has been an increase in crime among these individuals.

Thanking the public once again, Detective Farquharson said in 2013 more appeals will be made to gain further assistance from the public in their fight against crime through their Abaco Police Community Page on Facebook, the Bahamas Christian Network (BCN), and "The Abaconian."

"We realize that the police in Abaco alone cannot fight crime by ourselves; we need you, the people in the community, to assist us in solving crimes," Detective Farquharson noted. "In 2013 we expect you to be a partner with the police, so that we could reduce the crime level in Abaco to a reasonable amount."



Nevin Russell, wanted by police in connection with a dozen cases of housebreaking, was caught by officers from the Marsh Harbour Police Station over the Christmas holiday. He was apprehended in the Pigeon Pea community after evading officers for close to a month. Police continue to ask the public for assistance in reducing crime on Abaco. Above and left to right: a police officer escorting Dalmon Parker (charged with stealing a vehicle) and Nevin Russell. Mr. Russell pleaded with the courts for help with his substance abuse problem so that he could lead a clean life.

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Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd. to affect the necessary repairs," he said.

In accordance with this request, the technical staff of the Ministry produced the required scope of works. They also negotiated agreed unit rates with Bill Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd., the Deputy Prime Minister added. Cabinet agreed to award the contract to Bill Simmons Construction for the repair (patching and sealing works) of five miles of the Central Abaco roads after a recommendation was forwarded to Cabinet for consideration, he said.

The road works are expected to be completed in four months. "It should be noted that this road works project is being executed in a part of the island of Abaco that is considered to be the busiest area," Deputy Prime Minister Davis said. "The roads in Central Abaco are used by the majority of the island's residents. The completion of this project will therefore enhance the level of road safety for motorists and pedestrians on that island as they go about their daily routine."

He added that the Ministry will look after this investment along with others by providing "adequate and timely road maintenance", to contribute to cost containment relative to the road works programme.

Member of Parliament for Central and South Abaco, Edison Key and General

Manager, Bill Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd., Keno Simmons, also attended the contract signing.

Mr. Simmons said his company will be mobilized by the second week of January 2013 and will hire ten to fifteen locals from Abaco as well as technical persons from the office in New Providence.

Operation Clean Up takes to the streets

By Canishka Alexander

On Jan. 4, police officers from the Abaco district conducted a road check along the S.C. Bootle Highway. Nicknamed "Operation Clean Up," the road check took place between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. as a joint effort among officers of the Road Traffic Division, Central Detective Unit and Marsh Harbour Police Station.

The initiative was led by Inspector Mario Murphy, officer in charge of the Road Traffic Division.

According to Inspector Murphy, a total of 57 persons were reported for various infractions under the Road Traffic Regulations, which included unlicensed and uninspected vehicles; driving with no insurance; having one or no headlamps; driving with no seat belts; and failing to change ownership.

Additionally, Inspector Murphy said that a number of persons were searched for dangerous drugs and firearms with negative results. Nevertheless, this initiative will continue throughout the year, along with a number of road safety initiatives.

As he ended, Inspector Murphy reminded drivers to obey all traffic laws or face being put before the courts.

Fire station work progressing

By Timothy Roberts

Work nears completion on the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue's conference room and bathrooms as money

raised at November's Fireman's Ball is put to good use.

Keith Walker of K D Construction is expected to complete work on the interior walls and trim by the middle of January and tiling is expected to be completed by Leslie Swain soon as well.

The Fire Department's Financial Committee are actively planning a fund raiser during the month of February and are also working toward finalizing the date for the Second Annual Fireman's Ball later this year.

The Fire Department thanks everyone for making the Fireman's Ball a success and for their continuing support as they seek to safeguard the community in the months and years to come.



Pictured: Keith Walker, assisted by Andrew Thompson, completing work in one of the bathrooms at the Marsh harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station.

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The Cays



Above: a young dancer parades through the streets of New Plymouth.

tertained the crowd milling around the basketball court.

Even though, according to the operators of the Green Turtle Cay Ferry, not as many people as usual came from the main island, the crowd lingered on until after dark. Many wanted to enjoy the entertainment of the day until the last possible moment when the fireworks illuminated the sky over the Sound. It was well after 8pm when the last ferry stopped running.

Green Turtle holds Christmas Festival of Lights

By Timothy Roberts

Green Turtle Cay's Christmas Festival of Lights held a boat parade and was capped off by a fantastic display of fireworks as the committee concluded its



Above: spectators enjoy a display of fireworks at the Green Turtle Cay Festival of Lights.

fourth year of holiday celebrations on December 29, 2012.

A week earlier they held a golf cart parade where people showed off carts adorned with Christmas lights and decorations.

The evening began with a soup sale along with a variety of other treats. Entertainment was provided by Greg Russell, a performer from North Carolina, who successfully got the children to participate in festive songs.

Meanwhile the parade of boats, decorated with Christmas lights and holiday cheer, made their way from Black Sound to White Sound then on to the western side of New Plymouth where spectators had gathered to watch.

At the end of the parade Santa Claus disembarked from one of the boats and distributed a bag of goodies to many children's delight. Shortly afterwards a tremendous display of fireworks lit up the sky bringing the enjoyable evening to a close.

Committee member, Marilyn Saunders, said that four years ago a committee was formed to celebrate the Holiday Season on Green Turtle Cay. The Committee also raises funds to ensure that the settlement of New Plymouth is decorated for the holiday season.

"Our primary goal was to promote tourism during a normally slow time of the year and tourism was depressed that year," she said. "We felt we needed to invest in the future of our island."

That year they began in November by decorating the seniors' homes and then serving old-fashioned turkey dinners with all the trimmings, carrying out a variety of activities until the week after the New

Year's Day Junkanoo Parade.

During the course of the six weeks they have a golf cart parade, a boat parade, fireworks, soup night, senior singing, bingo night and the Torchlight Procession.

Ms. Saunders explained that the Torchlight Procession is an old tradition dating back about 75 years ago that was brought back.

She said "Years ago, the men took cardboard boxes and created a design -a

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Above: A boat decorated for the Boat Parade during the Festival of Lights. The small flotilla of Christmas-themed vessels paraded from Black Sound, to White Sound then on to New Plymouth.

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whole parade.

New Plymouth Junkanoo is, as always, an occasion to renew friendships, catch up on old ones and of have a general, jolly good time with food and drinks galore. People walked about eating conch fritters; some mobbed the desserts stall of McIntosh Restaurant; others had gathered in front of Ms. Emily's Bar, partaking in her famous Goombay Smash. Others still sat at the terrace of the Wrecking Tree, enjoying the breeze and the spectacle.

While the parade continued West on Bay Street on the way back to its starting point, the Gully Roosters' Band en-

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From the Editor's Desk // By Sea and by Plane: Part II



We didn't really get a lot of cold weather this winter, did we? Well, not particularly my thing (I wouldn't have minded a couple weeks of double layers) it is exactly what our friends from the north come here for. Then again, I guess it's not too terrible to walk around in shorts and sandals on Christmas Day.

As far away it may seem now, summer is around the corner. Time goes fast. I know. March will make one year that you've had to endure me as this paper's editor-in-chief. So yes, time goes fast.

And as summer approaches our community will start to see some of our old friends arriving by boat. They'll be filling up the docks in our marinas, fishing with us in our waters and eating with us in our restaurants. This is especially true for those of us in the Cays (Green Turtle, Hope Town, Guana, etc.) where I have seen many strong friendships develop among our long-time visitors and locals. It's a unique set up. It's very Abaconian.

The fishing tournaments used to be a staple of our summers here. With the downturn of the economy and ever-rising fuel prices, in recent years that spirit has been dampened. Fortunately, looking at the schedule I have in front of me, it looks like it will be a tournament-filled summer. With any luck, we could be seeing a return-to-form for many of the marinas around

here. It would certainly be appreciated by those who rely on such things. And for those of you keeping score at home that means (in some way or another) all of us here rely on it.

It's difficult, sometimes, to admit that to ourselves. Just how much we rely on a very narrow window of opportunity is a stomach-turning proposition. But for most of our history we have been tied to very specific things. Mostly it has been the sea. Now we use the sea and ocean as our tourism product. But look far back and a trend emerges.

We have used our sea as a tourism product. Before that, many relied on Abaco's robust boat building industry. Often in our history we have relied on the sea to do the dirty work for us: wrecking. But you cannot keep going without mentioning fishing. Not sports fishing, but fishing to live. Many Abaconians still rely on the sea in this very basic, but critical, way.

I only bring all this up because it is important to always recognize our, often recent, past. It gives us a better understanding of our present. It makes us appreciate what we have and it reminds us of what we can do better. It allows us, when our touring visitors do reach our warm waters, to share it more openly. More knowledgeably. When they see how much we appreciate and understand these things, it only adds to their experience. And who doesn't want to share better experiences?

I reckon one blessing of this warm winter, besides short sleeves, is there should be an easy transition into summer. So, friends up and down the East Coast, sail on down. The water is fine!

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Letters to the Editor

A Frustrated Abaconian

Dear Editor,
Happy New Year... or is it? Please allow me to vent my frustration with all the parties of the Bahamian Government. How is it that the government allows a foreign developer like Bakers Bay to purchase land at a reduced cost, bring in everything, except food, duty free, and receive exemptions on the sale of the multi-million dollar homes that are sold for a tremendous profit? NOT ONLY are they receiving tax breaks and special treatment they are importing workers from other countries to perform jobs that Bahamian Contractors are more than qualified to complete.

In essence, the food of the Abaco people is being taken out of our mouths. The course of the new "PLP Government" that claims to be the government of the people and for the people NEEDS to hold to their word and put Bahamians FIRST! This is OUR COUNTRY, with OUR JOBS being taken away from us ON OUR OWN SOIL! No more special treatment to the Bahamian construction company that displays a sea star as its logo.

IT IS TIME to put aside our childish ways and benefit the WHOLE Bahamas, not a select few that are close with a member in parliament.

PLEASE Mr. Prime Minister, take a hard look at what has been and continues to go on in Abaco and the rest of The Bahamas. Our elected representatives are exactly that - representatives we have elected because we think you can perform the best to help us out. WE WILL hold you accountable for the jobs you have and

will perform. Mr. Curry as a son of Abaco, look out for the people of Abaco and make us proud!

Regards,
A Frustrated Abaconian

The Referendum that Isn't

Dear Editor:

The poll that the government plans to put to the Bahamian people can be challenged before the courts because what is being put to the people on January 28 is not a referendum at all.

Here is the legal definition of a referendum that you should remember throughout the rest of this article:

REFERENDUM - The right reserved to the people to approve or reject an act of the legislature, or the right of the people to approve or reject legislation that has been referred to them by the legislature. A referendum provides the people with a means of expressing their opinion on proposed legislation before it becomes operative as a law. The power of referendum does not permit the people to invalidate a law that is already operative but suspends or annuls a law that has not yet gone into effect. Also, by referendum the people may reinstate an act that the legislature has expressly repealed.

Therefore, what is being held on January 28 is not a referendum, because in the case of the numbers business and a lottery - no legislation has been presented by parliament for us to vote for or against.

If there is no legislation being voted for or against, there is no referendum.

The Constitutional Referendum Amendment Bill that was passed last year enables the government, through the Parliamentary Registration Department to hold referenda of a non-constitutional nature, meaning it can now hold referenda that is not designed to change the Constitution. But what is being held on January 28 is not a referendum at all, because a referendum is a vote on legislation or proposed legislation - and no legislation on the numbers business and a lottery has been presented by the Parliament.

So this January 28 poll has no basis in law, even in the amended law the government passed to avoid having to amend the Constitution in any way on gaming, because it does not pass the legal definition of a referendum.

What the January 28 poll does pass the definition of is an opinion poll and/or advisory referendum - neither of which are allowed for in Bahamian Law or the Bahamas Constitution, and neither of which legally bind the government to act one way or the other, regardless of the outcome of the vote - this point is very important to understand.

The January 28 poll is not a referendum, and so there is no law enabling the government to hold this poll. What it is still holding is an opinion poll, which the law does not permit, and which the government is not bound to obey.

And here is another key point about a referendum: the authority to hold a referendum in the first place comes from a State's Constitution - that is the case in every free nation that has a Constitution. But The Bahamas' Constitution only gives The Bahamian people the right to vote in a referendum that changes the constitution.

Therefore, what is the Constitutional basis and authority of the Constitutional Referendum Amendment Bill passed by the Government last year, since that Bill now says the Bahamian people can vote in referenda that does not change the Constitution but the Constitution does not say we can do that? Who or what gave the Parliament the authority to legislate and decree a "non-constitutional referendum" when such an animal does not exist in the Constitution of The Bahamas at all, and therefore

such an animal has no Constitutional authority? That Bill itself can be challenged before the Courts on the basis of its constitutionality or lack thereof.

As an aside, what is also critical to know is whether that Amendment Bill passed last year has even been enacted into law as yet - because if not, even if the January 28 poll was a referendum (which it is not), it would be held illegally if the new Bill that allows for such a thing has not yet been enacted. Has it been enacted? If so, on what date?

There is another critical point to this January 28 poll and that is the questions themselves. Remember now, the numbers business and a lottery have not yet been made legal through an Act of Parliament. The two are illegal today, will be illegal on January 28 when the polls open, on the night of January 28 after the votes are counted and on the morning of January 29, etc.

Yet, the government of The Bahamas is asking the Bahamian people to vote on whether it should do business (collect taxes and assign some rules) with operations that are still illegal in The Bahamas.

Under what law anywhere can a government put such a thing to its citizens by way of a vote? Citizens vote on laws and proposed laws in a referendum, not on promises and ideas. There is no law or proposed law legalising the numbers business and a national lottery - therefore there is nothing for the Bahamian people to vote on come January 28.

The January 28 poll does not meet the legal definition of a referendum. It is not asking the Bahamian people to vote on a law or proposed law because neither of the two exists. It is therefore not a referendum; it is an opinion poll, which is illegal according to our current laws.

And because the January 28 poll, despite all the prevaricating by the Government, is still not in accordance with law, it can be and should be challenged before the Courts - a task that should be done by Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition on behalf of the people of The Bahamas.

-Sharon Turner



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The Cays

Art displayed and sold at the Abaco Inn for good cause

By Jennifer Hudson

A one man art show was held at the Abaco Inn on December 29. The paintings were the work of Rolf Sauer and were being sold for a worthy cause. Mr. Sauer and his wife, Susan Maxman, are second-homeowners on Elbow Cay's North End who built their home here five years ago and now spend six months a year here. Mr. Sauer was selling his paintings to raise funds for the Bahamas Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Mr. Sauer began his career as an architect but, being very interested in ecology, he turned his vocation towards landscape gardening and became one of the first ecology planners in the United States. He works with the Friends of the Environment in the promotion of natural plantings and at his home he has planted a collection of native species which he has labeled with both their common and botanical names.

The attractive paintings on display were mainly different views of the Hope Town Lighthouse and harbour while others were of native plants, showing the artist's love of botanicals.

Mr. Sauer's wife, Susan, said that her husband has always been able to draw beautifully and then two years ago, now that he is retired, he took a painting course from Walter Bartman. Mr. Bartman is a well-known and respected artist in the United States who comes to Hope Town every year to teach artists from both here and abroad. Many locals have benefitted from his classes over the years.

After taking this course, Mr. Sauer decided to continue this newly acquired skill. He loves to paint views of the lighthouse using ink and watercolours. "I go down to the harbour early in the mornings

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Rolf Sauer put his art on display at the Abaco Inn on December 29. The proceeds from his sales went to the Bahamas Lighthouse Preservation Society. Above (left to right): Peggy Brawley, Rolf Sauer, Marjorie Dodge and Steve Dodge. Ms. Brawley and Ms. Dodge had just purchased the pictures they are holding.

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The Cays

Grand opening of Hummingbird Cottage Art Centre receives enthusiastic response

By Jennifer Hudson

Artists from at home and abroad, art lovers and well-wishers gathered at the newly restored Hummingbird Cottage in the heart of Hope Town on January 5 for the grand opening of the Hummingbird Cottage Art Centre. Hummingbird Cottage, located in the centre of town behind the post office, is one of the most charming historic Loyalist cottages in Hope Town. It has been lovingly restored by owners Jim and Christy Young who, for many years, had a vision of opening it as an art centre. Christy, who hails from Maryland, is herself an artist who is experienced in all mediums but recently discovered a passion for oils under the tutelage of Walt Bartman who has been instrumental in assisting her with her dream of beginning this art centre. She is excited for this centre to become an educational centre for workshops and is hoping that it will be a vibrant entity which will bring people from all over the world.

The original building houses a small art gallery, while an exact replica has been built adjoining it to house another gallery and which is also large enough to accommodate art classes. This is the first destination arts centre of its kind in the Abacos. This high end art centre will offer adult painting workshops and children's art classes. Works by both instructors and par-

ticipants of their painting workshops will be on display as well as work by other local artists.

On display were paintings by three professional painters, Walter Bartman of Maryland, Arnie Casavant of Massachusetts and Brigitte Boyer-Carey of Tilloo Cay, Abaco. While all three have their own individual styles with Mr. Bartman and Mr. Casavant working in oils and Ms. Bowyer-Carey working in watercolours, their paintings all display their love of the beauties of nature. Many depicted views of Hope Town Harbour and the Lighthouse, underwater scenes and old Bahamian architecture. All three of the artists were very excited about the establishment of this new arts centre. "It is wonderful; just what Hope Town has always needed - an Art Centre with art gallery and workshops," enthused Ms. Bowyer-Carey.

Brigitte Bowyer-Carey works in a special 'wet on wet' technique. The vibrant colours in her paintings reflect the joy she feels in creating. "Watercolour is my passion," she states. Arnie Casavant, a retired art teacher, expresses a devotion to Impressionism with his work reflecting a strong emphasis on the interplay of light, shape and colour. He is another former student of Walt Bartman and discovered Hope Town when he came here for one



The Hummingbird Cottage Art Centre has been the dream of Jim and Christy Young for many years. Now, with its grand opening on Jan 5, the Centre is now a part of the Hope Town Community. Manager of the Cottage is Robbie Bethel, who said other works of art will be curated by the Centre in the near future. Above, pictured left to right: Walter Bartman, Brigitte Boyer-Carey, Christy Young and Arnie Casavant.

Walt's workshops. He feels that Mr. Bartman planted the seed on the island and that word will spread and people will come for the social experience as well as the joy of painting the island's beauty.

Walter Bartman is a world renowned artist and teacher and is director of the Yellow Barn Gallery in Maryland. He conducts workshops throughout the world, working with all levels of students challenging them to "see more." Mr. Bartman has been conducting workshops in Hope Town for the past 11 years and describes Hope Town as very special to him. "It gives me everything I need in range of emotion and nature," he states.

Manager of the new Hummingbird Cottage, Robbie Bethel, was delighted at the response to this new entity. He stated that eventually it will encompass many other arts such as pottery and wood carving and he looks forward to the many opportunities this centre will open up.

The guests at the opening were treated to hors d'oeuvres and cocktails while socializing, but their main focus was to enjoy the wonderful ambiance and artwork provided. All artwork was on sale and

there were many enthusiastic purchasers.

Walt Bartman's 2013 Art Workshop ran from January 3-13 and once again this year he sponsored an Abaco student who was selected by artist Marlee Mason. This year's recipient is Sebastian Andrews of St. Francis de Sales School who spent the week under the tutelage of this world renowned artist, his ferry fares being sponsored by Albury's Ferry.

Furniture Plus have just announced that they will supply all of the art supplies, such as canvas, paints and easel, every year for the scholarship recipient. Lectures during the week took place in the new Hummingbird Cottage art Centre. His current workshop runs from January 3-13 as a total of 28 students, 18 from the United States, one from England, one from Australia and the rest from Abaco.



Patrons admire a set of paintings at the Hummingbird Art Centre. Pictured left to right: Aly Boyce, Erin Patterson and Cha Boyce.

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because people sleep late in the harbour and I can paint undisturbed," he quipped. The lighthouse is, of course, a very popular subject with visitors to take back as mementos of their visit to Elbow Cay.

Mr. Sauer sold several paintings that day to boost his donations. Several more of his paintings have been left with the manager, Tom Hazel, at the Abaco Inn and may be purchased at very reasonable prices, either framed or unframed by visiting the Abaco Inn or calling 366 0133. Some stunning photographs taken by his son, an orthopedic surgeon, are also on sale for the same good cause.

The famous Elbow Reef Lighthouse, which is undoubtedly the most recognizable landmark on Abaco, is one of the last manual lighthouses in the world. In 2012 members replace several broken window panes at considerable cost, but work to keep this lighthouse in pristine working condition is ongoing.

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TREASURE CAY AVALON 3b 2b 2,500 sq. ft. beachfront home with detached garage. Beautiful & private court yard & patios. Furnished. **WEB: 13669 US\$1,650,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY FINAL APPROACH 5b 4b plus office, pristine 5,500 sq.ft. family home with 100' dock with elec and H2O. **WEB: 12313 US\$1,500,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY BLUEFIN 3b/2b 1,100 sq.ft. with private dock & detached garage. **WEB: 13947 US\$880,000.** **YELLOWFIN** 3b/2b with dock. **WEB: 13946 US\$1,250,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY BANYAN BEACH Beachfront commercial Lot. This is the original site of The Famous Banyan Beach Club. **US\$1,200,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY TREASURED TIMES 3b 3b, furnished canalfront home. Dock with utilities. Lots on 2 sides can be purchased. Private. **WEB: 11583 US\$820,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



WINDING BAY COTTAGES 44 & 45 Unobstructed views of the Atlantic with all the amenities of the Abaco Club. **WEB: 14403 US\$2,000,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



WINDING BAY HOPE COTTAGE 4b 4b home in Ritz Carlton's Winding Bay with every imaginable option included. **WEB: 12982 US\$1,500,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



WINDING BAY THE ABACO CLUB LOT #30 Great dune elevation, 1.6 acres. Close to Buster's Beach Bar & all amenities. **WEB: 12122 US\$1,300,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



WINDING BAY THE ABACO CLUB LOT #32 Best priced beachfront estate lot available. This property encompasses over 1.5 acres. **WEB: 15106 US\$1,100,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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TILLOO CAY TRANQUILITY Stunning views from this 2 bed 2 bath home on 3 3/4 acres with pool, 80-foot dock and private boat basin. **WEB: 14333 US\$1,250,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY BLUE DOUBLOONS Waterfront 2-storey 2 BR 2 bath home. Decks for entertaining, A/C, 15kW generator, golf-cart and boat. Turn key. **WEB: 16252 US\$765,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY BEACHWOOD COTTAGE Enjoy picturesque sunsets from this cozy 1 bedroom 1 bath waterfront cottage with dock. **WEB: 10075 US\$265,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY LOT 17 Stunning views and deep water frontage for a large vessel. Build your island dream home on this elevated lot. **WEB: 16175 US\$187,900.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY TOP-A-TILLOO This property is a STEAL with amazing views and solid construction. Walking distance to dockage and beach. **WEB: 11546 US\$159,500.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



SCOTLAND CAY FLY-IN PARADISE 1.8 acres, 300 ft of beach, dock slip & landing rights at private airstrip. 25k gal cistern & 30kw generator already in place. **WEB: 13527 US\$1,150,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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GUANA CAY ORCHID BAY Highest elevation with panoramic views. Luxury 5 bed 4.5 bath on 4 acres. Patio and pool. Excellent rental. **WEB: 12362 US\$2,250,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY ORCHID BAY - BAREFOOT COTTAGE 5b 4b home. Access to pool, tennis & beach. Fishing, snorkeling off private 65' dock. **WEB: 12456 US\$1,550,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY SEA SHORE VILLAS 3 townhouse villas with private swimming pool, 250' dock, cabanas, gift shop & laundromat. **WEB: 15029 US\$1,350,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY SEA TO SEA Impressive 4b 3.5b home on over 1.3 lush tropical acres, over 120 ft frontage, 80 ft dock on the creek. **WEB: 14461 US\$1,275,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY ANNE BONNY Charming down east 3 bed cottage with 360 degree views. Protected dock for two boats. **WEB: 13058 US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY TROGLODYTE 1.01 acres sea to sea at Cave Hill. 130 ft of beach front. 80 ft dock with boat lift. **WEB: 15217 US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY HILLTOP LOT Located in the Eastern Harbour, with private dock, deepwater access. Fantastic Views. **WEB: 14129 US\$495,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY FOREVER SUMMER 3 bed 2 bath home on elevated lot, fully fenced, standby generator. Steps to beach. **WEB: 13707 US\$320,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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MARSH HARBOUR CHATTERBOX. PELICAN SHORES Two bed 2.5 bath. Panoramic view of Fanny Bay. Cabana with summer kitchen. **WEB: 14421 US\$1,000,000.** Kristi.Wong@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR LOWE'S RETREAT 3b/3b & 2b/2b apartment. Swimming pool w/ large deck Standby generator, utility room, tool shed. **WEB: 14362 US\$950,000.** Leslie.Pinder@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR YELLOWFIN. GREAT ABACO CLUB Best buy on the market! 3b 2b on double deep water canal lot with large pool. **WEB: 14138 US\$899,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR HIGH ROCKS VILLAS 4b 3b w/ views of the Sea of Abaco, pool & extreme privacy close to town. Huge verandah perfect for entertaining. **WEB: 16472 US\$575,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR COVE ESTATES LOT 91 1.5 acre commercial parcel, rare opportunity in the heart of town. Income producing. **WEB: 16073 US\$455,000** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY SEA SHELLS Beachfront 3b 2b on Windward Beach Rd. Stunning views from Master Suite. Open living area floor plan. **WEB: ----- US\$800,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY SUNRISE POINT LOT 1 Beachfront 27,110 sf. Lot in highly desirable neighbourhood. All utilities at road boundary. **WEB: 16195 US\$549,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY BAHAMA BEACH CLUB 3, 4 & 5 bed luxury condos on beach with great views & every imaginable amenity. Pool & Bar. **WEB: 14720 Starting at US\$530,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY BEACH VILLA 714 2b 2b beachfront villa close to all amenities. Steps to shopping. Great rental. **WEB: 15592 US\$440,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY RESIDENTIAL LOTS St. Andrew's Golf Course lots - **\$35,000.** Canalfront Galleon Bay lots - **\$235,000.** Sunrise Point beachfront - **\$925,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO SANDY BEACH HIDEAWAYS 4BR 2 bath waterfront home. 20 min drive from Marsh Harbour. Relax on patio overlooking the beach. **WEB: 14358 \$750,000.** Leslie.Pinder@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO SCHOONER BAY Lot #3, Block A North Harbour's Edge Beachfront lot faces south and includes private dock. **WEB: 12818 \$650,000.** Info.Bahamas@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO LITTLE HARBOUR HOME Ocean Views from 3 bed/2 bath high above sea level with beach access. Near Pete's Pub **WEB: 12186 \$379,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO LITTLE HARBOUR COTTAGE 2 bed 2 bath cottage with generator. Great starter home with some TLC. **WEB: 12185 \$209,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO SCHOONER BAY - Waterfront Lot - Harbour Island 52 ft on harbour facing Schooner Bay Village. Enjoy a seaside golf cart community. **WEB: 5671 \$160,000.** Info.Bahamas@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS WILL'S PLACE II Quality built 3 BR 3 bath home with huge deck for entertaining. Serene ambience and amazing views. **WEB: 16253 US\$595,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS GARDEN COTTAGE Two homes with total of 3b 2b with deeded dockage and beach across the street. Excellent rental history. **WEB: 12309 US\$350,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS TY BACH Reduced for quick sale. Owner financing. 2b 2b spacious open floor plan, beautiful décor, 26' World Cat boat included. **WEB: 15236 US\$325,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS DRIFTWOOD 2b 1b Caribbean home with extra loft and private dock. Screened in deck and outdoor bar area. **WEB: 15172 US\$305,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS CLEARWATER COTTAGE Affordable home. Open floor plan, 1 bedroom and 1 bath. Beach and dockage. **WEB: 16441 US\$175,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY ORCHID BAY LOT 6 135' of beach frontage w/ 25' elevation, underground services. Gated community. **WEB: 13638 US\$975,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY PRINCE'S TRUST 3b/2b beachfront home on 1.3 acres 150 ft of frontage. R/O system, standby generator. **WEB: 13594 US\$1,225,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY SHORE THING 3 BR 1.5 bath elevated home with views of the Atlantic and convenient beach access. Great Rental. **WEB: 16681 US\$575,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY HARBOUR VIEW HAVEN Triplex & cottage with excellent income potential. Room to expand. Convenient location. **WEB: 16998 US\$475,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY TRIPLE COTTAGE Rustic Beach cottages, minutes walk from mile long sandy beach, close to all amenities. Good rental. **WEB: 16156 US\$380,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com

Lots, Acreage & Other Properties

MAINLAND

#4071 BAHAMA PALM SHORES LOT 43 \$30,000. Bill Albury
#14359 BAHAMA PALM SHORES LOT 29 \$62,000. Leslie Pinder
#4632 MARSH HBR./HIGH ROCKS Waterfront lot. \$599k. Bill Albury
#7011 MARSH HBR./HIGH ROCKS 2 acres. \$1,250,000. Leslie Pinder
#7086 MARSH HBR./ROYAL HBR Canalfront lot. \$525,000. Bill Albury
#5899 N. ABACO Grape Tree waterfront lot. US\$100,000. Stan Sawyer
#5990 FIRE ROAD 13.6 acres. Road to bayside. \$368,500. Kristi Wong
#17130 LITTLE HBR Tom Curry's Pt #2 Waterfront 1 acre. #199,500. L.Schreiner
#6022 LITTLE HBR. 1/2 acre + with deeded dock. \$149,000. Bill Albury
#7063 TURTLE ROCKS 18,000 sq. ft. beach access. \$65,000. K. Wong
#6085 REGATTAS #306 Views of pool, tennis. \$325,000. Leslie Pinder
#6086 REGATTAS #401 Near world class boating. \$325,000. L. Pinder

TREASURE CAY

#11155 MARINA ENTRANCE #5 Choice canalfront. \$270,000. S. Sawyer
#16180 BRIGANTINE BAY Block 85 lot 2. \$59,995. Stan Sawyer
#13858 OCEAN BLVD. Lot 82, Block 2. 10,560 sq. ft. \$55,000. Stan Sawyer
#16257 BRIGANTINE BAY Lots 8, 9, 10 on Windward Beach. \$59,885 ea.
Call for price on all 3 Lots as a package.
Also see MLS listings #16194 and #16298. Stan Sawyer
#16299 ROCK POINT LOT 8 90 feet of frontage. \$185,000.
Package price for Rock Point Lots 7 and 8. Stan Sawyer
#12564 ATLANTIS 2207 2 BR 2 bath, dock. US\$ 450,000. Stan Sawyer

#13782 BEACH TOWNHOUSE - End unit. \$349,000. Stan Sawyer
#11148 PAPI'S PALACE 3b 2 two storey on TC beach. \$795,000. Stan Sawyer
#16176 THE ENGLISH HOUSE 3b 2b w/ 124 ft on TC beach. Great Views. Must See \$1,895,000. Stan Sawyer
#16128 FIRE ROAD #8 Waterfront 2b 2b w/ dock. \$249,999. Stan Sawyer
#14582 PINEAPPLE POINT #5 Canalfront furnished 2 bed 2 bath ground floor unit with dock slip. \$695,000. Stan Sawyer
#16537 CANALWATCH Canalfront 2b w/ partial dock. \$495,000. Stan Sawyer
#16568 HIGH & DRY Canal View Home 1,344 sq. ft., 2 storey, 3 bed 2 bath, furnished. \$465,000. Stan Sawyer
#12965 ROCK POINT HOUSE Waterfront 3 bed 3 bath, 3,314 sq. ft., 2 storey. Furnished. US\$940,000. Stan Sawyer
#13779 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2054 Beachfront furnished 3 bed 3 bath. Golf cart garage. US\$875,000. Stan Sawyer
#12303 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2004 Beachfront furnished 5 bed 4 bath. Covered carport. US\$1,195,000. Stan Sawyer
#15595 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2032 Beachfront furnished 3 bed 3 bath. Excellent rental. US\$549,000. Stan Sawyer
#15314 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2088 Furnished beachfront 4 bed 4 bath. Covered carport. US\$1.95m. Stan Sawyer

GUANA CAY

#5121 LOT 32 AND 32A 90 feet on water. \$500,000. Jane Patterson
#5120 LOT 26 22,000 sq. ft. corner lot. \$250,000. Jane Patterson



LUBBERS QUARTERS

A #110312 ABACO OCEAN CLUB LOT 46 Large waterfront lot. \$250,000. Laurie Schreiner
B #13186 ABACO OCEAN CLUB LOTS 21-22 Two adjoining lots, boat slip. \$149,900. L. Schreiner
C #10707 ABACO OCEAN CLUB LOT 152 Dockage. NEW PRICE \$99,000. Laurie Schreiner
D #15719 1 ACRE BEACHFRONT LOT Ideal dream home location. US\$125,000. Laurie Schreiner



TILLOO CAY

E #11897 TILLOO BEACH LOT 27 Superior elevation, shared dock. \$115,000. Kerry Sullivan
F #10287 1 ACRE WATERFRONT Great elevation, room for dock. \$220,000. Laurie Schreiner
G #16175 TILLOO BEACH LOT 17 Elevated, deepwater frontage. \$187,900. Laurie Schreiner
#10599 BEACHFRONT LOT Best beach location. NEW PRICE \$375,000. Stan Sawyer
#16284 SOAP POINT LOT 3 Secluded waterfront lot, ideal for a seaside home, elevated with 43,560 sq. ft. and dock. \$199,000. Laurie Schreiner

The Cays

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common theme was a church where windows were cut out.

“Waxed pineapple cannery shipping paper was used to cover the windows and the light shone through. The light was a home-made candle of cat fat with string as the wick and it was placed inside a cream can and placed inside the church. They proudly marched around the village singing Christmas carols.”

Today, instead of using the candles as in years past, they have elected to use flashlights for safety and 55 students from the Amy Roberts All age School along with ten from home-schools participated.

“We have fund raisers throughout the year to help defray costs and rely on donations and support from our citizenry and second homeowners alike,” Mrs. Saunders said.

Today they have 78 custom pole decorations, lighted arches and an investment of well over \$40,000.00 and due to the program in place and the hard work of volunteers. Together they have installed the decorations on the poles, co-ordinated boat and golf cart parades, the torchlight procession, the lighting of the senior’s homes, the seniors caroling and fireworks.

“We all come together as a community to celebrate the holidays and enjoy Green Turtle Cay and make it the place to be,” she said.



Santa visited the children and handed out goodies during the Green Turtle Cay Festival of Lights.

Central & All Abaco

Abaco’s Chief of Police gives notes for the New Year

By Timothy Roberts

The Abaco Police Force’s Superintendent, Noel Curry, and his officers want to wish the public a Happy New Year and shared special thanks for the community of Abaco for their support over the years and gave advice for the year ahead during a January 2 interview.

He said that due to the “tremendous community support we have received the police have been able to solve many of our reported crimes. Information given by members of the public has led to solving many crimes and the identities of those providing assistance have been kept anonymous.”

He has received excellent response through email tips, and would like to see persons continue sending tips to abacochief@gmail.com – “it has paid tremendous dividends over the years”.

Mr. Curry noted that because of Abaco’s steady and robust economy the island has encouraged persons from other islands to move here and with the influx of persons “you get the good, the bad and the ugly.” This has contributed greatly to the increase in crime statistics in Abaco.

He encouraged people to “get to know your neighbor” which will help in the long run in the prevention and detection of crime. “Be aware of your neighborhood and who is in it.”

Touting 2012’s success, Mr. Curry said he would still like to see a continued reduction in the number of stolen boats for 2012. He said that in 2009 there were 34 reported stolen vessels; in 2011 there were 15 and in 2012 there were 14 boats reported stolen.

He encourages the boating and general community to work together so that the numbers continue declining as each boat stolen hurts the community and the tourism product of Abaco.

Crime Prevention and Safety

Mr. Curry said they are looking to increase their Road Traffic initiative in terms of actually policing the streets. “We’ve done a huge number of road checks this year,” he said. He also spoke of procuring the equipment to professionally test for driving under the influence and working toward putting people before the courts that are caught drunk-driving.

As a matter of precaution, the Marsh Harbour Police Department requests that the public try to use ATM’s during daylight hours and avoid, if possible, using them after dark. Businesses are also encouraged to go during daylight hours or stagger their times. Private services are also available for additional security for those who can afford it. Security alarms

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and cameras also provide more security and help

He also wants to warn those bringing in or harboring illegal immigrants to desist because the Police will be partnering fully with Immigration and the Defense Force to seek them out and find them.

If you are accosted by a criminal with a firearm we encourage you to not confront or struggle with them but instead do your best to get a good description of the perpetrator so that Police can act quickly in bringing them to justice.

Mr. Curry also advises the public to be careful of posting on the social media site Facebook items that have been purchased or received as gifts like laptops, iPhones and iPads because criminals are also watching and could target you.

While we have not had an incident here at this time, Mr. Curry wants the public to be aware of criminal tactics. He warns people to be cautious when involved in an accident, especially late at night. He said to remain in the vehicle and call the police immediately. If the other party is not visible the officer may instruct you to drive to a location where you feel safe. In a legitimate accident the person in the other vehicle will get out of their vehicle and approach your vehicle.

By Jennifer Hudson

January:

In early January, the Chinese and Bahamian governments signed an agreement for the sum of \$40 million. The money, loaned for 20 years at a 2% rate, is earmarked for improvements to Abaco's infrastructure. China Engineering Company Limited will be in charge of the construction of both the North Abaco Port and Little Abaco Bridge.

The Honourable Neko Grant, then Minister of Housing, made a whirlwind tour of Abaco inspecting the progress of his Ministry's projects in Spring City, Central Pines, Coopers Town and Crown Haven. He also looked at the progress on the new airport terminal in Marsh Harbour, the site for a mini hospital in Dundas Town and the nearly completed government administration building in Dundas Town.

February:

The month of February saw a focus on young people. A branch of the Torchbearers was formed in Central and South Abaco, an education awards ceremony was held to honour top students and the Hope Town Primary School was the first public school in The Bahamas to be awarded the Green Flag Award. This is an internationally recognized eco-certification for schools. The Every Child Counts school

benefited from a performance of the 'Music Doing Good' performing arts group from United States.

Construction was also highlighted with the contract signing for the construction of a new government dock in Coopers Town and the glass enclosed 24 ton top of the control tower at the new Marsh Harbour airport was lifted into place by a special crane.

March:

Anna Albury of Man-O-War Cay achieved fame when she was given the honour of speaking in front of Prince Harry on his trip to Nassau. Anna, who was primary school student of the year, delivered an outstanding speech and also had the honour of sitting next to and chatting with the Prince.

On a sad note, on March 25 four lives were lost in a fatal plane crash at Treasure Cay airport and on the same day 51 Haitian immigrants were found in a small sailboat floating near Tilloo Cut. They were flown to Nassau and detained at the detention centre.

Historic date for "The Abaconian" newspaper. After putting out "The Abaconian" newspaper for nearly twenty years, Dave and Kathy Ralph retired handing over to Bradley Albury who wrote his first piece as Editor in Chief on March 15.

April:

Elroy McBride and Shane Jones returned from the 41st CARIFTA games with gold medals. They were part of the record-setting Bahamian track team. Two swimmers represented Abaco at CARIFTA; they were Miller Albury and Albury Higgs. Albury finished as best swimmer in her division in the entire Caribbean winning six gold medals, two silver and one bronze.

May:

May 19 was deemed a great day by Tellis Symonette, BTC's Senior Vice President of family islands. The launch of the 4G service was celebrated with a special Abaco only sale at the Parish Hall. Treasure Cay's flagship BTC store was also opened. It was explained that BTC is in phase 1 of its launch of 4G service and that by the end of July it was hoped that the entire island would have full coverage.

On May 25 a tornado touched down in Murphy town causing damage to several homes and businesses in the area. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Five days after the former Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Hubert Alexander Ingraham, televised his resignation, he returned to his constituency

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of North Abaco where he met with faithful supporters at the Treasure Cay Public Beach.

June:

Eleven perished in a boating tragedy on June 10 when a boat heading to Florida developed engine trouble and sank in the area of Hawksbill Cays just north of Fox Town.

Thanks to the efforts of Abaco Port Department, the Bahamas Lighthouse Preservation Society and other community members, the Elbow Reef Lighthouse received new glass panels in its lantern room. The new panels replace glass that was damaged by Hurricane Irene.

The fourth annual Royal Bahamas Defence Force Rangers' installation ceremony commenced on June 2. The 44 new Rangers marched on the parade line marking the first time installed rangers of Abaco marched wearing their regal tailored tunics and barrettes.

July:

July saw Abaco playing host to several Government Ministers. On July 12,

13, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Jerome Fitzgerald, visited Abaco to inspect the physical plan of the government schools across the island and was pleased at the general conditions of schools here.

Minister of the Environment and Housing, Kenred Dorsett, inspected several government projects on Abaco and the Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, the Honourable Dr. Daniel Johnson, who began his tour on Moore's Island, met with coach Anthony Williams, the athletes and their parents and the community to congratulate them on what they have accomplished. He looked at the proposed location where construction of track and field facilities was to begin within a few months and also promised newly upgraded softball facilities for Murphy Town.

August:

The Man-O-War Heritage Museum welcomed a new addition to its collection. The sailboat, "The Man O War", which is a piece of the community's history, was saved from ruin and moved to its new home in front of the museum.

Sadly, the former Free National Movement Chairman and Minister of

Youth, Sports and Culture, Charles Maynard, passed away on Abaco after suffering a fatal heart attack after helping prepare for the by-election in North Abaco.

September:

The political race in North Abaco heated up with Renato Curry, for the PLP, and Greg Gomez, for the FNM, spending the month of September campaigning for the upcoming North Abaco by-election. A focus for both their campaigns was connecting to the community and raising awareness about the importance of education. Nomination Day on September 26 for the October 15 by-election drew crowds of supporters.

October:

Prime Minister Perry Christie held a historic Cabinet meeting in Abaco on October 2. He and his ministers announced a number of decisions made for Abaco including more than \$1.6 million in promised road repair and infrastructure and a pledge to increase police manpower on the island. This marks the first time a Cabinet meeting has been held outside of Nassau.

Later in the month Abaco endured Hurricane Sandy. The monster storm

brought heavy flooding and a deceptively long eye leaving behind significant flood damage to many communities across Abaco but thankfully no loss of life. The Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Perry Christie, and his delegation toured North Abaco on October 29 to review the impact of hurricane Sandy on several communities there.

The by-election in North Abaco was held on October 15 with Renardo Curry for the PLP coming out with the most votes and thus becoming the new MP for North Abaco.

November:

The 50th Anniversary of Enfranchisement of Women in The Bahamas was held in the courtyard of the government complex in Dundas Town on November 26. Thirteen women were honoured during the ceremony.

On November 25 Prime Minister Perry Christie, along with a number of delegates, toured Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club and told the media that the resort is expected to contribute \$450 mil-

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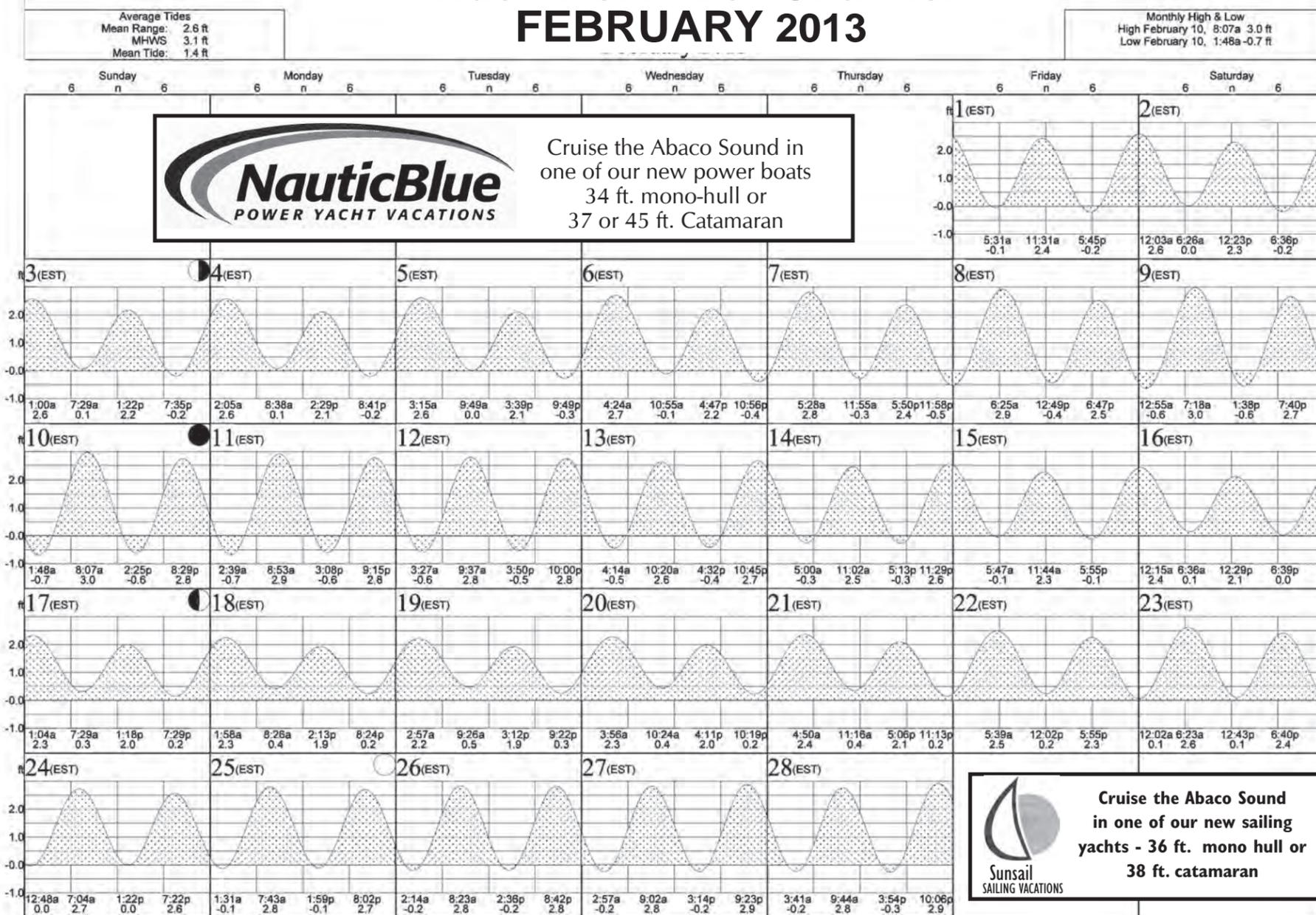
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TREASURE CAY

*Vacant Land
Treasure Cay Beach Parcels*

Windward Beach Lots 12 & 13 #2031 - 100' sandy beach frontage, 44,675 s/f cleared, walled parcel. All utilities available. Fabulous sea views. **\$1,499,000.**

Ocean Blvd. Lot 90, Block 2 - #1992 - Unusually large beachfront lot with 140' of sandy beach frontage. Ideal for estate home. Sensational sea views! All utilities available. **\$1,499,000.**

Beach & Canal Lot Package #941 - Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,446,000.**

Treasure Cay Beach Lot 16, Blk. 175 #1362 - Choice residential parcel, 12,600 s/f, 90' powder white sand beach frontage, good elevation, spectacular sea views, 140' depth. All utilities available. **\$1,275,000.**

Windward Beach Lot 19, Block 201 - #2046 - 12,450 s/f lot, 90' beach frontage, elevated level parcel, native stone seawall. Superb sea Views. **\$599,000.**

Windward Beach Lot 20, Block 201 - #2173 - 12,750 s/f lot, 85' beach frontage, elevated level parcel, native stone seawall. Superb sea Views. **\$599,000.**

Treasure Cay Canal Parcels

Brigantine Bay - #1662 - Two adjoining single family residential lots, 13,602 s/f total with combined 144' of sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. Superb water views. **\$785,000.**

Brigantine Bay - #1559 - 16,108 s/f level, cleared parcel with 164' of bulk headed & protected water frontage. Dock & dolphin pilings installed. **\$599,000.**

Treasure Cay Harbourfront Lot - #1804 - 13,678 s/f landscaped parcel, 153' of bulkheaded seawall, 140' of lay-along docks, garage, water & electricity **\$499,000.**

Brigantine Bay #1598 - Cleared lots 1 & 2A, 19,300 s/f 130' bulkheaded frontage, new dock. **\$495,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 10, Blk. 203 - #1905 - large 18,330 s/f parcel, 91' bulkheaded canal frontage, 480 s/f garage & dock. All utilities available **\$399,000.**

Galleon Bay - #1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$399,000.**

Galleon Bay #422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot, 88'+ protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 4 # - 1963 - 10,000 s/f cleared parcel with 80' seawalled canal frontage, New deep water sheltered "T" dock with power & water. **\$299,000.**

Brigantine Bay #1494 - 18,807 s/f cleared parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**

Brigantine Bay #1622-1632 - A selection of 11 adjoining level & cleared canal lots ranging in size from 11,673 s/f to 19,068 s/f with deep water canal frontages from 74' to 173'. All lots with bulkheaded sea walls installed. All utilities available. Great water views along sheltered Brigantine Bay. Listing # 1632 also includes 2 finger docks installed. **From \$266,000. to \$753,000.**

#1173/1174 - Brigantine Bay, Lots 7 & 8, Block 191 - 2 adjoining parcels, each 19,000 s/f with 80' seawalled canal frontage. All utilities available. **EACH \$249,000.**

Brigantine Canal #1971 - 17,300 s/f parcel, 123' sea walled frontage, All utilities available, Sea of Abaco views. **\$149,000.**

Treasure Cay Area Development Parcel

Sand Banks Creek Acreage - #1988 - 24 acres at Treasure Cay entrance, 539' water frontage, 1,060' road frontage, good elevations. Ideal for commercial development. **\$995,000.**

TREASURE CAY

Treasure Cay Inland Parcels

Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot - #1692 - Prime residential lot #3 less than 200' from Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**

Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot - #2036 - Prime residential lot #17, close top Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**

#2217 - Lot 78, Block 1 - Prime 10,000 sq. ft. parcel on Flamingo Dr. 80' frontage. Near to beach & golf course. All utilities available. **\$49,995.**

GREAT CISTERN CAY

#1787 - "Rivendell" - Rustic 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,284 s/f. furnished beach cottage on 2 building lots total 41,800 s/f 236' sandy beach frontage & 2 garages. **\$599,000.**

Rivendell also available on single lot of 17,090 s/f w/110 sandy beach frontage. **\$359,000.**

#1197 - Beachfront Lot #7, 17,095 s/f with 126' hard rock & sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available. Enchanting Sea of Abaco views. **\$259,000.**

GUANA CAY

"Ridge Runner" #1185- 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 s/f furnished home-main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock. 1.74 elevated acres, 330' shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$1,995,000.**

"Secret Beach" #1267/1268 - Ocean Front Elevated Parcels 9A (19,190 s/f) & 9B (16,144 s/f) lots, each with 100' +/- of Atlantic Ocean rocky shoreline & sand beach frontage. Prime building sites. **EACH \$199,000.**

Dolphin Beach Estates-Sea King Lot 88B - #2223 - 19,000 s/f elevated corner lot, just 100' from Sea of Abaco & 5 minute walk to Atlantic Ocean Beaches. **\$99,950.**

Ocean Ridge Estates - #2045 - 7 ocean & sea view residential lots from 7,686 sq. ft. to 16,740 sq. ft. Underground electrical infrastructure in place, dockage available in Boat Harbour, ocean & sea common community areas. **Lots from \$77,750.**

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Inland Lot - Near Beach - #2022- Large 21,450 s/f choice corner lot on main road in Section 1. electricity & telephone available. 1,000' to beach. **\$59,000.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach - #1176 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **\$49,500.**

Inland Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 4 #1868 - 2 adjoining lots of 10,000 s/f each. Short walk to beach. **Each at \$27,500.**

Inland Lot 11 - #1661 - Residential lot, 9,600 s/f in Sect.4. Short walk to Atlantic beach. Electricity available. **\$24,600.**

TURTLE ROCKS

Beach Home - 1532 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath elevated 2 level semi furnished home, 1,874 s/f under air, 1,500 s/f covered porches on 0.89 acres. 93' sandy beach frontage. Panoramic sea views. **\$650,000.**

Beach Lot - #1815 - 0.94 Acre beach parcel with 120' of Sea of Abaco sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available, great water views. **\$225,000.**

Turtle Rocks South Beach Lot - #2195 - 2,395 Acre beachfront parcel with 100' sandy beach frontage. Extends from S.C. Bootle Bay to Beach **\$369,000.**

CASUARINA POINT

"Casuarina Cottage" #1866 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 816 s/f semi-furnished cottage on 14,000 s/f lot with 127' of canal frontage with boat ramp. **\$175,000.**

NORTH ABACO

Blackwood Waterfront Parcel #1521 - 38,514 s/f parcel, 167' of deep water Sea of Abaco frontage and highway frontage. Topography well suited for a marina site. Utilities available. **\$98,500.**

Boiling Hole Lot 18 - #1827 - Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 17,472 sq. ft. with 100' hard dock shoreline & magnificent sea views. All utilities available. **\$79,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

"Turtle's Nest" Estate - #609 - Magnificent 2 bed/2.5 bath, 3 level main house & 2 bed, 2 bath guest cottage on White Sound. 4,476 s/f under air, 1.75 acre parcel, 100' water frontage, pool, dock **\$2,699,000.**

Lot "A" - The Bluff #1910 - 15,600 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 89' hard rock shoreline, 30' elevations, Near Bluff House, great sea views **\$399,000.**

"Island Reach" - Harbourfront & Sea View Lots #1405- Bluff side of White Sound, residential hillside & protected harbour with majestic sea views. Various sizes from 12,600 s/f to 38,000 s/f. **Starting at \$119,000.**

SCOTLAND CAY

#2198 - Waterfront Lot 7, Block "B": Large 34,993 s/f parcel with approx. 386' of Sea of Abaco frontage. Good elevation, adjacent to private harbour entrance. **\$485,000.**

MARSH HARBOUR

Pelican Shores Harbourfront Home - #1563 - 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 5,600 sq. ft. tastefully furnished home w/ pool & dock. Well maintained, superior quality construction, many extras. 1 acre +/- landscaped, 115' water frontage. **\$3,495,000.**

"Regattas of Abaco 408" - #2009 2 Bed, 2 bath 2nd level 1,200 sq. ft furnished condo. Well maintained, great harbour views. Near to town & beach **\$289,000.**

Regattas of Abaco #27 - #1853 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$176,000.**

JOE'S CREEK

#1571 - Inland Lot #15 - 18,000 s/f parcel 400' from beach with beach access. Electricity available. **\$42,500.**

LEISURE LEE

#1846 - "Yellowbird" - 2 bed, 2 bath, turn-key furnished elevated canalfront home. 1,800 s/f under roof. 80' lay-along dock, plus boat slip, ramp & lift. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE \$499,000.**

Canalfront Home #1865 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2003. 11,378 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage, 78' lay-along dock. **\$549,000.**

#2213 - "Leisurely Times" - 2 bed, 1 bath, 845 s/f furnished canal home on 12,100 s/f parcel w/110' bulkheaded canal frontage & 50' lay-along dock. **\$299,000.**

#2190 - Furnished Home Near Beach - 3 bed, 2 bath, + den, large screened porch, double garage. 2,200 s/f under roof on 1/2 acre parcel **\$529,000.**

Residential Parcels

#130 - 22,949 s/f beachfront parcel with 365' of Sea of Abaco water frontage. Great Sea of Abaco views. Electricity, water, telephone & DSL internet at road boundary. **\$365,000.**

#602 - Large 15,344 s/f cleared & level lot with 197' of fully seawalled, protected canal frontage. Water installed, other utilities available. **\$249,000.**

#1845 - 11,531 s/f canal lot, 100' canal frontage, boat slip, dock, ramp, 12,000lb boat lift, electrical power & water. Accommodates up to 80' boat. **\$225,000.**

#1593 - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 120' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **\$179,000.**

#1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$149,500.**

#2054 - Lot #204 - 10,590 s/f lot with 105' deep water canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**

#1844 - 2 adjoining deep water, sheltered canal lots, 9,900 s/f each, 50' x 50' shared dredged boat slip, 150' lay-along docks each. Near beach. **EACH REDUCED TO \$145,000.**

#811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$69,900.**

Ocean View Lot #170 - #1902 - Large lot of 13,459 s/f, close to beach. Ocean views from your 2nd level home. All utilities available. **\$59,900.**

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lion to the Public Treasury over the next 10 years.

A helicopter crash on November 22, involving guests of Baker's Bay Resort on Guana Cay left one dead and four others seriously injured.

December:

During a visit by the Honourable Glenys Hannah Martin early in December, concerns were raised regarding certain logistic and design issues of the construction of the new Marsh Harbour airport. This delayed the December opening of the airport until mid-2013.

The Prime Minister was on Abaco on

December 21 to officially launch Urban Renewal 2.0 on Abaco. This community-based policing program was begun here several months ago and is one of the most ambitious crime prevention programmes in the Bahamas.

Delta airlines, which already provides charter service to Abaco, hinted at the possibility of opening Abaco as one of its regular commercial routes. Delta officials were surprised at the impressive structure of the new Marsh Harbour airport facility.

Miss Spring City, Patricia Curry, was crowned Miss Abaco on December 16 at the Abaco Beach Resort after a strongly contested pageant.

Hotels and House Rental Agents

+ agents with multiple cottages and houses

Area Code 242 unless listed otherwise			Lubbers Quarters	
			Sea Level Cottages	4 hse 366-3121
			Man-O-War	
			Island Home Rentals +	2 hse 365-6048
			Schooner's Landing	5 condos 365-6072
			Waterway Rentals +	14 hse 365-6143
			Marsh Harbour area	
			Abaco Beach Resort	82 rms 367-2158
			Abaco Real Estate +	6 hse 367-2719
			Abaco Towns	16 apts 367-0148
			Ambassador Inn	6 rms 367-2022
			Bustick Bight Resort	8 rms 367-3980
			Conch Inn	9 rms 367-4000
			Living Easy +	16 hse 367-2202
			Island Breezes Motel	8 rms 367-3776
			Lofty Fig Villas	6 eff 367-2681
			Pelican Beach Villas	6 cott 367-3600
			Regattas	32 apts 577-6764
			HG Christie +	11 hse 367-4151
			Sandy Point	
			Oeisha's Resort	366-4139
			Pete & Gay's Resort	14 rm 366-4119
			Rickmon's Bonefishing	10 rm 800-628-1447
			Spanish Cay	
			Spanish Cay Resort	18 rm 6 hse 365-0083
			Treasure Cay	
			Bahama Beach Club	88 units 365-8500
			Brigantine Bay Villas	5 units 877-786-8455
			Treasure Cay Resort +	95 rms 365-8801
			Mark's Bungalows	4 units 365-8506
			Abaco Estate Services +	365-8752
			Island Dreams Rental +	357-6576
			Turtle Rock	
			Villas at Palmetto Beach	3 villas 262-820-1900
			Wood Cay	
			Tangelo Hotel	14 rm 1 villa 365-2222
			Web Sites with Abaco Information	
			http://www.abaconian.com	http://www.abacos.com
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			http://www.abacoinfo.com	http://www.bahamas.com
			http://www.abacocottage.com	Rev. March 2012
			Island-wide Abaco Listings Abaco Cottage + 114 hse 366-0576 Abaco Vacation Planner + 25 hse 367-3529 Cherokee Lee Pinder + 3 hse 366-2053 Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075 Grand Cay Rosie's Place 352-5458 Green Turtle Cay Barefoot Homes 14 hse 577-4092 Bluff House Club 12 units 365-4247 Cocobay Cottages 6 cott 800-752-0166 Green Turtle Club 35 rm 365-4271 Island Properties + 34 hse 365-4047 New Plymouth Inn 9 rm 365-4161 Ocean Blue Properties + 34 365-4636 Other Shore Club 365-4226 Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105 Guana Cay Dive Guana + 11 hse 365-5178 Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott. 365-5137 Guana Sunset Beach 13 units 365-5133 Ocean Frontier 6 cott 519-389-4846 Ward's Landing 4 units 904-982-2762 Ruth Sands + 9 hse 365-5140 Hope Town Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133 Crystal Villas 5 villas 321-452-0164 Elbow Cay Prop + 53 hse 366-0035 Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095 Hope T Hideaways + 63 hse 366-0224 Hope Town Inn 6 rm 4 Villas 366-0003 Hope T Villas + 3 hse 366-0266 Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154 Sea Gull Cottages + 4 hse 366-0266 Sea Spray Resort 6 villas 366-0065 Tanny Key + 43 hse 366-0053 Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557	

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Police - Hope Town	366-0667	
Police - Man-O-War	365-6911	
Police - Treasure Cay	365-8048	
Police - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133	
B. Electricity Corp	367-2727, 367-2846,	367-4667
Water & Sewerage	475-1499,	475-5518
The following services are provided by volunteers		
Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000	
Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16 • Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-4019	
Abaco Crash, Fire & Rescue	365-9111	
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16	
Hope Town	366-0549	Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay	365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services	
Abaco Family Medicine, Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Integrated Medical Center	367-1304
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Corbett Clinic, Treasure Cay	365-8288
Government Clinic, Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic, Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic, Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic, Sandy Point	366-4010
Government Clinic, Fox Town	365-2172

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Agape Family Dental, Marsh Harbour	367-4355
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Dive Guana	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers	
Extra \$3 for each passenger above two	
• Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08	
Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light	\$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry	\$15
Spring City	\$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20
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Casuarina Point	\$60
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Bahama Palm Shore	\$90
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Sandy Point	\$150
Leisure Lee	\$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80
Treasure Cay Resort	\$85
Fox Town	\$165
• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
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Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
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Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$85
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
Treasure Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$85
Treasure Cay Hotel to Green Turtle Ferry	\$25
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Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 30 minutes

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Marsh Harbour	>Hope Town	7:15am	9:00am	10:30am	12:15pm	2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm
	Return:	8:00 am	9:45am	11:30am	1:30pm	3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm
Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War 10:30am 12:15pm 2:30pm* 4:00pm 5:45pm						
	Return:	8:00am	11:30am	1:30pm	3:15pm*	5:00pm
Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay From Conch Inn						
	(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30am	1:30pm	3:30pm	5:45pm	
	Return:	8 am	11:30am	2:30pm	4:45pm	6:30pm
Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)						
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Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride						
T Cay Airport	>Green T Cay	8:30am	10:30am	11:30am	1:30pm	2:30pm 3:30pm 4:30pm* 5:00pm
	Return:	8am	9am	11am	12:15pm	1:30pm 3:00pm 4:30pm**
* Note: 4:30 pm trip to GTC not on Sundays ** Note: 4:30 pm trip will be made from New Plymouth only						
New Plymouth :One way adult \$12 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$17 (Children \$10) • Extra to some G T Cay docks						

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available						
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay	Sunday departs	11:00am	& returns	3:30 p.m.	\$40 Round Trip	
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Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama						
Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah.	Daily	7:00 am	&	2:30 pm		
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Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	Treasure Cay farm road
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Working boatyards	Man-O-War cay

Pocket Beaches	
• Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour	
• Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour	

Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)	
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay	
• Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore	
• Sandy Point & more	

Items of interest	
• Man-O-War boat yards • Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill	
• Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide	
• Hole-in- Wall lighthouse - last mile very rough road	
• Abaco wild horses by appointment 367-4805	
• Bird watching - ask tourism 367-3067	

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Lucky Strike - Hope Town	366-0101
Sea Gull - Hope Town	366-0266
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Bakers Bay Marina	158 F 365-5802
Guana Hide-aways	37 577-0003
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Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Bonfish Guides	
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Cherokee	
Noel Lowe	366-2107
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Randy Sawyer	366-2284
Will Sawyer	366-2177
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Tony Russell	366-3259
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Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Hope Town	
Maitland Lowe	366-0234
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David Albury	365-6502
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Jody Albury	375-8068
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Richard Albury	367-0367
Terrance Davis	375-8550
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Danny Sawyer	367-3577
Jay Sawyer	367-3941
North Abaco	
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Edward Rolle	365-0024
Herbert Thurston	365-2405
Sandy Point	
Valantino Adderley	366-4323
Anthony Bain	366-4107
Derek Gaitor	366-4249
Nicholas Roberts	366-4486
Treasure Cay	
Capt. Joe Pritchard	559-9117

Restaurant Guide	
Prices	\$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper
(Based on dinner entree range)	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only † Provides ride from town	

Marsh Harbour	
Abaco Pizza	\$ 367-4488
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Blue Marlin	\$ 367-2002
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-7272
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Island Family Rest	\$ 367-3778
Java Coffee House	\$ 367-5523
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	\$ 367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place +	\$ 367-3796
Snack Shack +	\$ 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074

Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$ 366-0087
HT Coffee House (B & L)	\$ 366-0760
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Sugar Shack +	\$ 366-0788

Little Harbour	
Pete's Pub	\$\$\$ 366-3503

Lubber's Quarter	
Cracker P's	\$\$\$ 366-3139

Man-O-War	
Bradley's on the Harbour	\$ 365-6380
Dock'n Dine	\$ 365-6139
Island Treats Snack Bar	\$ 365-6501

Guana Cay	
Baker's Bay - Market Place	\$\$\$ 612-1021
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$ 365-5175

Treasure Cay	
Coco Beach Bar & Grill	\$ 365-8470
Florence's Cafe	\$ 365-8354
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Treasure Sands Club	\$\$\$ 365-9385

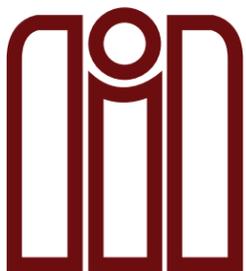
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$\$ 365-4389
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-4625
Miss Emily's Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-4181
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$\$ 365-4161
Pineapple Restaurant Bar & Grill	\$\$\$ 365-4039
Plymouth Rock Cafe	\$\$\$ 365-4234
Shorties Take-a-way	\$\$\$ 365-4342
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Nancy's	\$\$\$ 366-4120

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Key, Spicer are Abaco finalists for Cacique Award



Two Abaconians have been nominated for the Cacique Award this year. They are Malcom Spicer in the Event Planner category and Candace Key, who was nominated in two categories, Human Resources Development and Sustainable Tourism. Above: Candace Key (far left) along with some of her students and US Embassy delegates last year in Hope Town. For more see page 18.



Above: Pete Johnson (left) with Elizabeth Pitcairn (center) with her custom replica Stradivarius, made Christophe Landon (right).

Renowned violinist performs at Little Harbour

By Jennifer Hudson

Family and friends of renowned classical violinist, Elizabeth Pitcairn, were once again treated to an amazing recital on New Year's Eve in the Gallery at Pete's Pub, Little Harbour. The recital Ms. Pitcairn gives each year is a very special treat greatly looked forward to by her admirers. Her family has had a connection with Abaco for many years, owning Bridges Cay, a small island close to Little Harbour on which they have a home. Elizabeth finds time out of her busy schedule of worldwide concert tours to spend Christmas and New Year on the cay and she gives back to the community with a wonderful recital at the end of each year.

This year she began with the fiery Hungarian Dance No. 5 by Johannes Brahms then in completely contrasting mood she played the haunting melody from the movie 'Schindler's List' composed by John Williams. Following a romantic

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School & Youth News

Project Hope focuses on improving parenting relationships

By Canishka Alexander

Project H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Potential to Emerge) was facilitated by Simone Bowe on Jan. 5. The event took place at Garnell Limperes' Island Waves Community Center in Marsh Harbour, and will take place every six weeks.

Bowe, a transformation strategist for the Horizons Development Group, explained that the free community forum for parents provides strategies on understanding teens, exploring the learning process, and engaging in the child's learning experi-

ence. "Project H.O.P.E. is a parenting support initiative of Horizons Academy to help its parents and those in the wider community to effectively support and engage in their child's learning experience," she said.

Although the parenting forum was Project H.O.P.E.'s first event to be held, the project's focus was two-fold. Bowe pointed out that it gave parents strategies to become more involved in their child's learning experience while forging a positive reinforcement and partnership with Horizons Academy; and it helped parents understand teen behavior and ways to improve those relationships.

Included on the list of featured speak-

ers were Toastmaster Ta-Tanisha Murray and Psychologist Vernelle Swain. Ms. Murray talked about her role as a parent, and how parents can take an active role in their child's learning experience.

Meanwhile, Ms. Swain, who is the director of Wellspring Center for Leadership and Development Center, focused on a worldview of parenting, the developmental and transitional stages of children, and she listed emotional signs that may indicate that something is wrong. She also challenged parents to look beyond their own children by helping other children in the community.

Parents also participated in a role play to demonstrate some of the issues that families experience. Some of the things that stood out for Bowe was the disconnection between children and their parents, their understanding of each other's wants and expectations; being able to communicate; and knowing how to parent effectively, which in some instances is different from how they were parented.

All in all, Bowe said she hoped that as a result of the forum, parents would get involved in their child's learning by creating an environment at home for the love of learning, discipline, inquiry and research. She added that parents must understand how differently this generation thinks, speaks and acts; they must maintain standards for respect and discipline. Finally, she said that parents should adjust their parenting style to suit their maturing child by giving age-appropriate responsibilities and allowing input in the creation of rules.

Nova Southeastern University to offer B.A. degrees

By Samantha Evans

Receiving a tertiary level education has been the dream of many locals for years and, since 2007, many of them have taken advantage of the opportunity to receive an Associate's Degree with Success Training College without leaving their jobs or homes. In February, an information meeting will be held on Abaco for those persons who already have an Associate's Degree and are interested in the pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Nova Southeastern University is a recognized university worldwide and is the pioneer institution in online learning. They have been offering Bachelor's, Master's and now Doctorate Degree programs in New Providence for more than a decade and now that interest in looming on the island of Abaco, they are looking to begin their first program here in the Fall. All classes will be taught by Nova lecturers who will travel to Abaco each weekend from Fort Lauderdale for classes.

During the month of January interested persons can call 458-7264 or 699-2273 to have their name and contact information added to the enrollment list which will be forward to Nova in preparation for the February meeting. Additional information will also be shared at this time. Interested persons will need to ensure that they have an official transcript from their previous college and BGCSE passes.



Participants listening attentively to Ms. Vernelle Swain, director of Wellspring Center for Leadership and Development Center, at the Project H.O.P.E parenting forum on Jan. 5 at Island Waves Community Center. The forum was initiated to help parents understand teen behaviour and give them strategies to improve their relationships with their children.

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School & Youth News

St. Francis begins New Year with Reflection Ceremony



Above: St. Francis students dressed as the three wise men during their school's performance.

By Canishka Alexaner

Teachers and students of St. Francis de Sales Catholic School held a Reflection Ceremony on Jan. 4 to commemorate the New Year. Religious Knowledge Teacher Elmer Bongon led everyone in a Beginning of Year Prayer before addressing the audience.

As he shared the story of the birth of Jesus, Mr. Bongon talked about the wise men that brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh before bowing down and worshipping Him.

"As we face another year, let us all remember that our life is like the journey of the three wise men. We are always in

search for the brighter or brightest star," Bongon said. "Who are the stars in our lives? Who are our guiding stars? Are we following them or do we sometimes refuse to follow them?"

Students were invited to sing We Three Kings before finding themselves in the presence of royalty.

The "Three Wise Men" greeted the students with motivational tips to help guide them throughout the school year and as a reminder to be the light among their peers.

Principal Josephine Kumar wished the students a blessed year filled with all of God's blessings on behalf of the administration and staff. She thanked Mr. Bongon, Mr. Ronan Sarmiento and Mr. Arden Granados for preparing the service as well as Mr. Dennis and Ms. Mary. She told students that they must always remember to be grateful.

"Try to be grateful for everything in life even the bad experiences," Ms. Kumar admonished.

She also introduced and welcomed six new students to the school before calling on Mr. Cecil Simon, a teacher, to make an announcement concerning the significance of Majority Rule in The Bahamas.

Mr. Bongon brought the ceremony to an end with another prayer and song.

Cyber Learning moves to new location and hosts open house

By Samantha Evans

"Challenging Youths to Become Exceptional Role Models" is the motto of Cyber Learning Center, which has now moved to their new location in the Josh Hann Plaza in Marsh Harbour. To celebrate this move and the start of this new chapter, Cyber Learning started the 2013 school year on Friday evening, January 4 at 5:30pm. An Open House was held at the school in the location that once housed The Department of Education.

The building has allowed Sharon Greene and her staff to spread out and have more rooms to educate their students. The new facility now has two lower primary rooms, a computer lab, a bathroom, an upper primary classroom, a junior classroom, an intermediate classroom, resource center, library, a senior classroom, lots of storage, a kitchenette and a principal's office. Each side has its own water cooler, microwave and bathroom which further enhance learning. According to Principal Green, the staff started this move shortly before the Christmas Holiday and they worked hard to ensure that this new space would be conducive to the individualized instruction that they pride themselves in. Further, the school is now adding French to the lower primary schedule and Spanish to the upper primary schedule. Any additional changes will be made for September.

The students will be busy after school, as they are during the school day, with their new afterschool tutoring program. On Monday the students will take

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computer classes and have supervised homework. On Tuesday to Thursday they will be having classes in mathematics and English for primary students. BJC Math classes will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays and BJC English will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

On Fridays they will have what they call co-curricula activities such as drama, spelling bee, sports, reading, languages, and Christian clubs. After school care will be held from 3:30-5:30pm at a cost of \$5 an hour. During this time, the students will be supervised while they do their homework and work on the computer.

The bookstore is also open at Cyber and it is bigger and more efficient than ever. They have all major books to accommodate all grade levels. BJC and BGCSE practice books have just been added to their inventory and are on sale. BJC books are \$20 and BGCSE books are \$30.00. BJC books are available for Math, English, Social Studies, Health and General Science, and Religion. BGCSE books are available for Math, English, and Religion so far but more books will be in stock soon. The bookstore is open Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm and on Saturday from 8am to 1pm.

This new building has allowed the school to get closer to fulfilling their dreams and envision what their new school building will look like. Parents who attended the open house were very pleased and could not wait for the school year to begin. One parent actually stated that the classrooms are so conducive to learning that if students don't learn that means they do not want to learn.

Finally, Cyber has a new staff including a Guidance Counselor for the first time in the school's history. The staff includes: Joan Mellard-Blake English teacher, Teacher of literature, Spanish and religion for the junior (and intermediates) students and teacher in charge of the high school. Vernique Russell is the Grade 1 and 2 teacher. Nadine McIntosh-Ramsunan is in charge of the primary school, is the Guidance Counselor, Spelling Bee Coach and teacher of history and life skills. Onasha Parker is the teacher of lower primary and computer science. Mr. Robinson is the math teacher and Mr. Green teaches PE and Art & Design. Finally, Principal Green teaches Health Science and Social Studies.

With all of these changes and updates, the school can comfortably cater to fifty students. Enrollment is still open so interested persons can contact the school at 367-5757 or 367-3025 (temporary number).

Music Doing Good returns to the Bahamas for two concerts entitled, "Voice of the Ocean," benefiting Every Child Counts (ECC). Performances take place on Friday, February 1, 2013, 7:30 pm at the Hope Town Lodge (in Hope Town Settlement) and Saturday, February 2, 2013, 7:30 pm at Abaco Beach Resort, Marsh Harbour. Every Child Counts offers alternative education for children with learning, developmental or physical disabilities. Houston-based Music Doing Good is a non-profit arts organization based in Houston, Texas. In keeping with the mission of philanthropy through music, they seek to engage, educate and enrich lives through innovative music-based benefit concerts and outreach programs.

David LaDuca, Music Doing Good Executive and Creative Director says, "Every Child Counts is such a worthy organization. Last year, we were struck by the hearts of the passionate and dedicated staff of this incredible school, and inspired by the spirit of each child we met." Janet Reingold, 2012 organizing committee Chair, said about last year's performance: "...it was an entertaining, enlightening, and enchanting presentation, filled with heart and soul, passion and compassion,

creativity and spirit. They demonstrate incomparable professional expertise as singers, songwriters, musicians, and child education specialists. And the attention to detail — messaging, music, and more — makes a Music Doing Good performance compelling and moving for every audience member. They personify their mission, and their generous spirit is contagious."

Adds LaDuca, "We are honored and compelled to return this year, and have been working with the children to make a great show we know everyone will enjoy. Says Trish Michie, this year's organizing committee Chair, "These are first rate concerts you won't want to miss, and the fact that they serve a great cause while people have a fun and memorable time is icing on the cake. We are fortunate to hear these performers here in the Abacos."

Music lovers are invited to dive in as Music Doing Good's diverse cadre of world-class artists musically explore the magic and mystery of the ocean, with original tunes and popular selections such as "Come Sail Away" and "Dock of the Bay." The students of ECC will also dance and perform songs that are sure to warm heart.

For tickets: In Hope Town, call Hope Town Lodge 366 0095. If planning to dine

at the Lodge before the 7:30pm show, please call for reservations. For tickets in Marsh Harbour, call Every Child Counts 367 2505. Abaco Resort also has tickets for sale at 367 2158. The doors to the Marquee room will open at 6:00pm to allow for viewing of silent auction items to be auctioned during intermission. Concert starts at 7.30pm. Those who wish to dine at the hotel before the show are requested to make reservations. All ticket proceeds (\$50.00 per person) benefit Every Child Counts.

During the intermission there will be a silent auction of decorated furniture to raise funds for ECC School. The donated wooden furniture pieces have been beautifully painted with underwater scenes and flowers by the children of the school.

Dinner will be available to order poolside at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge from 5.30 p.m.

Urban Renewal Drill Core after-school programs beginning

Press Release

The registration for the Drill Core after-school program will be held for all grades 4 to 6 at Central Abaco Primary School (Private schools have been invited to join) on that campus on Wednesday, 16 January 2013 at 3:30pm.

The registration for the Drill Core after school program will be held for all grades 7 to 10 at Abaco Central High School (Private schools have been invited to join) on that campus on Monday, 21 January 2013 at 3:30pm.

The registration for the Drill Core after school program will be held for all grades 4 to 6 at J. A. Pinder Primary School (Sandy Point) at that campus on Monday, 14 January 2013 at 3:15pm.

The registration for the Drill Core after school program will be held for all grades 4 to 6 at Coopers Town Primary School, Coopers Town on that campus on Thursday, 17 January 2013 at 3:30pm.



Some performers and ECC students from last year's concert at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge.

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Business

Green Turtle Club names new manager



On Dec 17, Green Turtle Club introduced their new GM, Linda McIntosh, who is taking over from the interim manager and co-owner, Adam Showell. Both Molly McIntosh and Julie Russell of the club will be in supporting positions for Ms. McIntosh.

Press Release

On December 17, the Green Turtle Club Resort and Marina held its annual staff Christmas party. The food was excellent and the DJ played the tunes that had everyone up on the dance floor and in the Christmas spirit. Eleven prizes were raffled off to the staff including two roundtrip tickets on Silver Airways and a three night vacation to Disney World.

At the party interim General Manager, and Co-Owner of The Green Turtle Club, Adam Showell, announced that effective immediately Linda McIntosh would become the new General Manager of the Green Turtle Club.

Linda has worked at the Green Turtle Club for over 28 years and was previously the Office Manager. A huge round of applause and cheers spontaneously erupted

from all of the staff. She will be supported by Molly McIntosh. Molly has been at the Club since the spring of 2007 in the Sales Manager position. Molly will continue heading up sales as well as being the new Assistant General Manager.

Julie Russell has been employed by the Green Turtle Club for over 22 years and is moving out of her department with her new appointment as Office Manager.

"It is great to be able to promote top management from within the long time staff of The Green Turtle Club. We have been widely recognized for having one of the nicest and most talented staff found at any Out Island Resort," said Mr. Showell. Green Turtle Club is looking forward to a wonderful year in 2013 and says they will have many great announcements of events and specials the New Year progresses.

week and each class will be a minimum of two hours. Each person will get a starter kit and a manual for the class.

Nail classes will be offered as well and these students will get a starter kit and booklet. They will learn how to do French Tips, Pink and White, 3-D nails, Tammy Taylor, Cheese Cake, and the like. The classes are eight weeks each followed by an examination before completion. Each class is hands-on. Depending on the interest, she will offer day and evening sessions. She guarantees that persons who attend her classes will be equipped with the hands on experience they need to start their own hair business or increase clientele.

Mackey has been interested in Cosmetology since high school then went away to Dudley's Cosmetology School where she learned her craft. She considers herself to be a professional cosmetologist as she loves what she does. She has been teaching classes since late 2008 and sees it as her ministry. Interested persons can call her at 431-2296, email her at keneshamackey@hotmail.com or Facebook her at Kenesha Mackey.

FRIENDS seeks employee to continue educational programs

Press Release

Friends of the Environment is an environmental nonprofit located in Abaco, The Bahamas. FRIENDS works to promote conservation and environmental awareness to the residents and visitors of the region. FRIENDS is currently planning an expansion to include a small research center (ACRE) which will be integrated with our education program.

FRIENDS is looking for a responsible, motivated Bahamian to implement the existing FRIENDS education program including school presentations and field trips, after school and summer programming and creating BGCSE Biology and combines skills course work; as well as help FRIENDS design field courses and scientific research programming for our new Abaco Conservation, Research & Education program (ACRE).

Qualifications for the job include: Bachelors degree, interest and experience in the environment, desire to work with students of all ages and teaching experience preferred.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to Friends of the Environment, info@friendsoftheenvironment.org

Hair and nail classes to begin in February

By Samantha Evans

Trained beautician of sixteen years, Kenesha Mackey will be offering hair and nail classes on the island beginning February 27, 2013. She is the owner of Pure Hair and Nail Spa in New Providence but she is originally from Freeport.

Mackey stated that her ties to Abaco are through her sister who works here, her many friends and several locals who have attended her classes in the capital. She added that these students spoke so good about her classes that many persons have wanted her to offer classes here a long time ago but her schedule would not allow it until now.

She offers classes in any area related to hair including perms, treatment, pony-tails, finger waves, 28 pieces, and the like. The classes will be held two days out of the



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Opinion

Insights for your Inner-spring

The Magic of Thinking BIG ... the final chapters

Submitted by Whitney Bain

It has been a pleasure moving through this book with those who have chosen to read the column. I made a few detours since starting the column several months ago to add some variety to what was being presented and I trust that those detours were beneficial to you. I am ending our tour of *The Magic of Thinking BIG* by Dr. David J. Schwartz in this column and will embark on other discoveries that will hopefully challenge our current thinking and expand our knowledge.

The final chapters of the book are fascinating! Like a finely tuned runner the book is just now hitting its stride as we are getting into chapter 6 and beyond. The ultimate intent here is to encourage you to get the book (if you have not already done so) and read the rest of it. As an encouragement I will be giving a synopsis of the final chapters in this column.

In chapter 6 Dr. Schwartz' chapter title ... 'You are what you think you are'; is a telling statement in so many people's lives. As I see it he asks "Who do you think you are?" and as you answer him you recognize that you are what you think you are. You start observing your surroundings, your accomplishments; you start to look at your friends and other relationships. Indeed, for many they come to the realization that they are in fact the sum total of what they have been thinking over the years - for some it's scary, for others it's downright depressing and still for some it is exhilarating. Dr. Schwartz begins this chapter by saying that "others see in us what we see in ourselves. We get the kind of treatment we think we deserve."

He asserts that thinking regulates action. Therefore, "how you think determines how you act, how you act in turn determines how others react to you". As I think about this statement my mind

recalls some former colleagues that I worked with who can only be described as 'wet blankets'. As you may know blankets bring warmth, protection from the elements and impart a sense of security. Conversely a wet blanket does none of the above; it makes you cold, wet and wishing to be anywhere else but wherever that wet blanket is. Comparatively speaking these former colleagues were famous for always seeing things negatively or for seeing themselves as a victim.

Despite trying to speak positively to them I soon realized that they preferred living in 'negative land' and the notion of moving to a more positive place would involve too much effort. Persons living in 'negative land' have some signs that show who they are without them saying a single word; the outward appearance is crumpled, untidy and unorganized, they have a poor attitude towards their present job, they lack enthusiasm, they have no desire to be the best, they allow anything to enter their minds or to be spoken to them and they accept it.

If you recognize any of these traits in yourself or another do the exact opposite and make a change in yourself or avoid those poisonous persons. The more you create an atmosphere of negativity the more you will become what surrounds you.

In chapter 7 Dr. Schwartz speaks to the very point that we ended the last paragraph on ... managing your environment; his title for this chapter is called *Managing your Environment: Go First Class*. Dr. Schwartz says "the body is what the body is fed. By the same token, the mind is what the mind is fed. Mind food, of course, does not come in packages, and you can't buy it at the store. Mind food is your environment - all the countless things that influence your conscious and subconscious thought. The kind of mind food we consume determines our habits, attitudes and personality. Each of us inherited a certain capacity to develop. But how much of that capacity we have developed and the way we have developed that capacity depends on the kind of food we feed it."

In short ... our 'environment shapes

us'. He further highlights aspects of some of our current individual environments as such - "prolonged association with negative people makes us think negatively; close contact with petty individuals develops petty habits in us. On the brighter side, companionship with people possessing BIG ideas raises the level of our thinking; close contact with ambitious people gives us ambition." He encourages the reader to remember ... "people who tell you it cannot be done almost always are unsuccessful people, are strictly average or mediocre at best in terms of accomplishment. The opinions of these people can be poison!" Some of the advice Dr. Schwartz suggests relative to our environments are as follows; 'circulate in new groups (make new friends), select friends who have different views from your own and select friends who stand above pettiness and who breathe encouragement into your plans and ideals'. He states that since conversation is a big part of the environment that you create for yourself, always make it positive!

In chapter 8 Dr. Schwartz speaks about making your attitudes your allies. He affirms that "attitudes are mirrors of the mind. They reflect thinking" and actually have a voice. The key focus of this chapter is the concept of growing or cultivating attitudes. He encourages the reader to "grow the attitude of I am activated", in this he means that you need to elevate the level of your enthusiasm by learning more about particular topics you are connected to, learning more increases enthusiasm; secondly putting more 'life' in all aspects of your life ... your smile, your handshake, your walk and your talk. Act alive and that vitality will translate into enthusiasm. And then he encourages everyone to broadcast good news, he asserts that no one accomplished anything positive by telling bad news.

Chapter 9 speaks about Thinking right toward people. Dr. Schwartz opens

the chapter by informing the reader that a basic rule of success is ... that it depends on the support of other people. He concludes with the following advice ... make yourself lighter to lift - be likable, take the initiative in building friendships, accept human differences and limitations (don't expect anyone to be perfect), don't let others prejudice your thinking about a third person, encourage others to talk (become a great listener), practice courtesy all the time and don't blame others when you receive a setback.

The refreshing thing that I find about *The Magic of Thinking BIG* is that it is very well written. It provides practical advice to many issues faced by persons generally and it continues to nudge the reader in the direction of becoming a better person. The remaining chapters help the reader to solidify their quest to Think BIG. Dr. Schwartz directs the reader to *Get the Action Habit* in chapter 10, he instructs them on how to turn defeat into victory in chapter 11, he educates them on how to use goals to enable growth in chapter 12 and finally in chapter 13 he points out to them how to be a leader. The main points that stand out that I would like to leave with you are these;

- Chapter 10 - Get the action habit
- Be an activationist. Be someone who does things.
- Don't wait until conditions are perfect. They never will be.
- Ideas have value only when they are acted upon.
- Use action to cure fear and gain confidence. Do what it is you fear and fear will disappear!
- Don't wait for the spirit/inspiration to move you. Take action, dig in and you move the spirit!
- Think on terms on now. Tomorrow, next week, later and similar words are often synonymous with the failure

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North Abaco

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Audubon Society seeks birds in North Abaco

piece entitled 'Melody' by Tchaikovsky, Ms. Pitcairn finished with a spectacular Romanian Dance. While all of the pieces displayed different moods and styles, the final piece gave full rein to her virtuosity. It involved much spiccato bowing in which the bow is bounced off the string and before beginning the piece she told her audience "It is best to play this piece when you have had a fright so that your arm shakes".

When performing internationally, Elizabeth plays on her 1720 Red Mendelssohn Stradivarius but unfortunately, we are not privileged to hear its wonderful sound as a priceless violin like that cannot be subjected to the rigours of an island climate. This year, however, we came very close since her friend, Christophe Landon, who was here with her and who is a Master Violin Maker with workshops around the world, had presented her with a new violin as a very special Christmas gift. He crafted the violin as an exact replica of her Stradivarius and the sound was tremendous. The top is made from a piece of 150 year old spruce and the back is maple. Mr. Landon finished the violin with an exact replication of the Strad's varnish pattern. He worked to the last minute to finish the instrument and put on the strings on Christmas Day. Then Ms. Pitcairn played its first note ever.

The audience, as always, was very appreciative of Ms. Pitcairn's performance and this is certainly a wonderful way to bring in the New Year.

By Mirella Santillo

Heavy damage to the vegetation caused by Hurricane Sandy did not prevent ninety four species- seven more than last year- to be sighted during the annual Audubon Society North Abaco Christmas Bird Count. In spite of the high number, no extremely rare bird was spotted, but an abundance of birds belonging to certain species was reported.

Fifty two Red Knots were observed on the Green Turtle Cay flats, Mourning Doves were in abundance at the old Citrus Farm as well as Northern Mockingbirds, Red-winged Blackbirds and Yellow Throated Warblers. Among the not so commonly seen species were two Northern Harriers hunting over the Citrus Farm; a Zenaida Dove hanging out by the Blue Hole near the horse farm, a Bahama Mockingbird, not usually seen on North Abaco, feeding on papaya in someone's backyard in Treasure Cay as well as three beautiful Painted Buntings. An Osprey flying over the Marls was also an exciting sight.

The eighteen people who met that morning of December 29, 2012 were divided into three groups. Nine people took off to the fruit farm, led by Bruce Purdy who had come from Florida for the occasion. A group went south towards Treasure Cay residential area and the dump under

the leadership of Denny Moore with the Bahamas National Trust in Nassau and the third group, with Dr. Elwood Bracey in charge, went north to check the Marls, the old nursery and the Sea of Abaco coast.

A lot of the coppice trees on the Citrus Farm had lost leaves and berries, so Warblers, Western Spindalis and other coppice feathery residents were not as abundant as usual. A Northern Harrier swooped back and forth for several minutes over an empty field, allowing the bird

watchers to observe at will, his magnificent plumage. Cuban Hummingbirds also posed for photographers and the total number of birds recorded was impressive, so overall, it was a very rewarding day.

Baltimore Oriole, Limpkin, Worm-Eating Warbler, Pied-billed Grebe and Forster's Terns were added the following day to bring the count to 99, just short of the 100 birds target that Dr. Bracey had hoped to see.



Picture above is the Bruce Purdy group by a blue hole in North Abaco. Left to right: Janene Roessler, Barbara Foreman, Bruce Purdy, Uli Nowlan, Marcus Davis, Susan Lill and Darla Alsteen.



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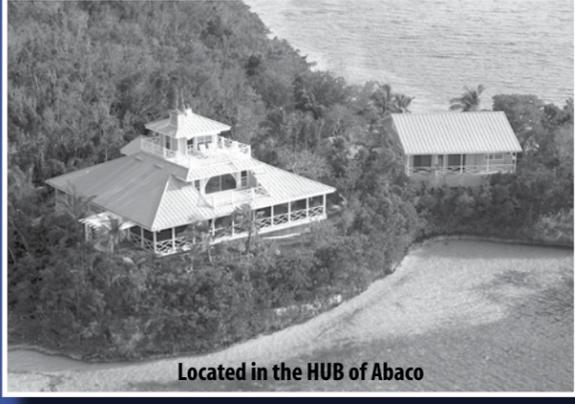
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Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend gears up for 2013



Above: competitors enter the Treasure Cay waters to start the Sprint Triathlon as part of the GAFFW in 2012.

Press Release

The 2013 Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend is now open for registration. Registration details are available at the event website www.GAFFW.com or by contacting the Ministry of Tourism in Marsh Harbour.

The weekend-long event will be held from March 22-24th at the Treasure Cay Beach, Marina, & Golf Resort. The weekend starts off with a 1-mile open water swim on Friday, a Sprint & Olympic triathlon on Saturday followed by a kids' 1-mile run, and a 5k/10k fun run/walk on Sunday.

Planning for the second instance of the event has been taking place over the past year and the organizers look forward to having a larger, fun-filled, family oriented event.

Last year's event brought around 75 participants and dozens more volunteers and spectators. This year there has been keen interest both locally and abroad, with a large group from Freeport planning to compete as well as a good base of athletes out of Nassau. Abaconians are expected to provide strong competition yet again, as the inaugural event was successful and well-received throughout the archipelago.

Last year local triathletes Simon Lowe and his father Greg Lowe were slated to compete head-to-head in the Olympic triathlon, but due to an injury Simon had to watch from the sidelines. This year they both plan on returning and Greg will defend his title against his son and the other competitors.

The first two online registrations were both women, one from Freeport and the other from South Carolina. The event is geared towards both locals and visitors alike. Treasure Cay has one of the most scenic ocean swims available and it was ranked one of the top ten beaches in the world by Caribbean Travel & Life.

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Treasure Cay Resort & Marina, and Damianos/Sotheby's International Realty have again joined as the main sponsors. All of the sponsors' support of the event is immensely appreciated, along with all the hard work and support of the volunteers, friends and family.

This year Bahamas Ferries has a trip running from Nassau to Abaco for the event, leaving Friday morning and returning Sunday afternoon. Those interested are asked to contact Bahamas Ferries directly to book their transportation.

Family Island athletes lead the way Moore's Island natives Elroy McBride and Shane Jones recognized

Press Release

The Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations (BAAA) held its 13th Annual Awards Luncheon, under the patronage of the Honourable Kendal Nottage, honouring "Our Golden Knights, Olympians and Youth in Athletics".

The awards ceremony, which was a resounding success, marked the first official event of the new BAAA Executive Administration. The event featured exciting video presentations and was oversubscribed by the many supporting fans, family friends, and sponsors such as platinum partners FYP and BTC. Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the attendance by the athletes themselves, led by two of our Olympic Golden Knights, Ramon Miller and Demetrius Pinder. Athletes were recognized for their participation on the eight national teams that represented The Bahamas in 2012, with top athlete awards given to the top performers of this year.

Of the athletes being recognized, nine represented three family islands. Five athletes from Eleuthera, led by Golden Knight Chris Brown, Denzel Pratt, Kristina Knowles, Kiana Albury and Andre Colebrook, the recipient of the Sir Durward Knowles Family Island Athlete of the Year award.

Two athletes were recognized from Andros: CAC team member Leo Kemp and Tamara Myers, who was a nominee for 4 top athlete's awards, winning both the Ronald Cartwright Most Outstanding Junior Female Field Athlete of the Year and the Collegiate Female Field Athlete of the Year awards.

From Abaco, more specifically Moore's Island, two veteran athletes, Elroy McBride and Shane Jones, were recognized.

The largest number of non-New Providence delegates came from the island of Grand Bahama with a total of 31 athletes selected to the eight teams throughout the year, from the CUT level to the 2012 London Olympic Games.

While many athletes attended, the event is still challenged due to the geographical layout of the country, economical restraints, competition with the yuletide season celebrations, and lastly, many of our senior athletes remain in the United States to prepare for the indoor season. Despite these challenges the athletes who were not in attendance were still recognized. Grand Bahama's GBAAA President, Mr. Kem Stuart, and Freeport-based BAAA Council Member Anita Doherty, accepted the awards on behalf of all the absentee Grand Bahamian athletes. Awards for other absentee Family Island residents were accepted by family members and friends present.

It goes without saying that representation by Family Island athletes remains on the rise. The Family Islands athletes' performances are representative of the view

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that the world has come to hold about The Bahamas. In the 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games The Bahamas was said to have won the games per capita. Similarly, New Providence is of late outshined by the family island performances, per capita. Moore's island, whose population is a little over 800 persons, continues to send viable male sprinters on the various national teams and the relay team from Moore's island is a finalist at the Penn Relays each year.

Three of the four Golden Knights represent islands other than New Providence, and out of the 21 top athletes' awards categories, nine categories were won by Grand Bahamians or Family Island athletes. However, this does not present a point of division in track and field but rather the result of initiatives by the BAAA to be inclusive.

An idea that has taken years of slow progress is now showing signs of success. In fact, it is through initiatives from clubs like Club Monica and Striders that have satellite programs, where ideas, workouts and resources are shared to encourage family island athletes to excel and attend meets in New Providence throughout the year. Athletes such as Andre Colebrook have relocated to New Providence to train and have access to facilities. The BAAA, in conjunction with the Coaches Association, has encouraged coaches throughout the Family Islands to obtain IAAF and USA Track and Field certifications, have also hosted clinics locally and sponsored continuing education for coaches interna-

tionally. These initiatives are the results of a unified focus to identify the hidden talent within the family islands.

In a recent Tribune article Minister Daniel Johnson shared the government's program to take these initiatives one step further. In January 2013 the government will launch its Talent Identification Program. With the program under the government's administration, this is an opportunity to bring organization and structure to the process, provide consistent and long-term funding and involve the participation of retired elite athletes and international scouts. London Olympics ushered in the change of tide with a new generation of elite Bahamian athletes. With these new initiatives, seeking out talent, not only in the family islands but also New Providence, The Bahamas is primed, once again for Olympic success in Rio 2016.

It is with these goals in mind that BAAA under a new administration continues to welcome this partnership with the government, remains dedicated to hosting international events, clinics and awards ceremonies to honor our National Team Members.

The luncheon was a display to the athletes and coaches that their hard work and sacrifices for our country don't go unnoticed. We are proud of all our Bahamian athletes, but we pay special tribute to the Grand Bahamian and Family Island athletes whose less-than-desirable training circumstances, prove that with a big heart all things are possible.

Remote control sailboats kick-off the year in Marsh Harbour

Press Release

Beautiful January weather was on tap for the first round of the RC Laser Tour of Abaco. Winds were unfortunately very light and out of an unfavorable location for this venue. However, there was a good turnout with two first timers: Cameron Sands and Thomas Key.

The light winds proved to be trouble for not only the regulars, but especially for the new competitors. The course had to be shortened to a part of the harbour that had more consistent winds. Weeds were also an issue catching Jim Kaighin's keel in Race 2. Then, after much of the fleet

sitting in storage for about 8 months, electronic problems gave Randy and Thomas trouble.

Round 2 will be held in Little Harbour January 19th. Come for lunch at Pete's Pub and the racing starts at 2:00. Lenore's famous brownies will be served following the racing. And as always, the committee thanks Lenore Mulock, for running the races, and also to Amy Sands for counting down the starts and taking pictures while Ylva was recovering from a cold. Ylva and Anders are expected to return for the Little Harbour race.



Inconsistent winds proved challenging for the racers. A second race at Pete's Pub on Jan. 19 will pit competitors against each other once more. Photo credit: Amy Sands.

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Artist Highlight

Artist Profile: Leanne Russell

By Canishka Alexander

As a self-taught Bahamian artist, Leanne Russell remembers a connection to art from an early age. She recalled a humorous story of being attached to her pacifier as a toddler. One day her mother gave her crayons, and she coloured on her pacifier. From then on she relinquished the pacifier, and became quite content to gaze upon its transformation to that of a work of art atop a shelf.

After graduating from high school, Leanne went on to study commerce at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She returned to her beloved Abaco to pursue a career and to reunite with her first love: painting.

Securing employment at the Green Turtle Club, she completed a collection of murals for her employers. She has also worked on a string of commissions for corporate and private collections in the United States and Australia, and her work has graced the shores and inspired the people of St. Lucia and Dominica.

While Leanne favours watercolor and acrylic on canvas or recycled antique clapboard shutters, she is open to allowing her artistic style to become a more progressive one. Lately, she's been experimenting with stain glass.

But for now, her vibrant and expressive masterpieces of The Bahamas' culture and its people have captured the interest of many. In 2011, Leanne participated in the Public Treasury Art Program after being approached by Keisha Oliver, exhibition coordinator. The Bahama Mama inaugural exhibition was her first exhibition outside of Abaco.

Later this year, Leanne and Scharad Lightbourne, a Bahamian photographer, will team up in June for a collaborative show. The two plan to pay tribute to our



Above: a sample of Leanne's work. A painting of conch shells.

country's forefathers through their combined mediums. There is also a solo show planned for July where Leanne will showcase her work by offering what she calls a "cohesive collection."

"You have to prove if you are relevant," Leanne reasoned. "The greatest payoff for me is if someone is inspired - you have to be inspired and then inspire."

"I am inspired by the community feeding off of each other's energy. It fosters an appreciation and helps you to become more creative and think outside of the box."

Conversely, the last two years have created a whirlwind of activity for Leanne as she displayed her work through events hosted by D'Aguilar Art Foundation, Burns House, the Central Bank of the Bahamas; the National Art Gallery for the Amos Ferguson Tribute Show; and Baha Mar Development.

Leanne has been featured in Air Currents magazine, she was named a Cacique Award finalist in the Fine Arts Category, and she was a nominee for the People's

Choice Award for Fash|Art 2012. Also in 2012, Leanne was chosen as one of the four nominees for Stylezine Magazine People's Choice Awards Visual Artist of the Year.

Renowned Bahamian artist Alton Lowe and a mentor to Leanne has described her as "an inspiration for other young Bahamian artists."

Truly she is an inspiration as a mother of two, with a full-time job and an art career to go along with it. Nevertheless, Leanne recognized that the key to it all is balance.

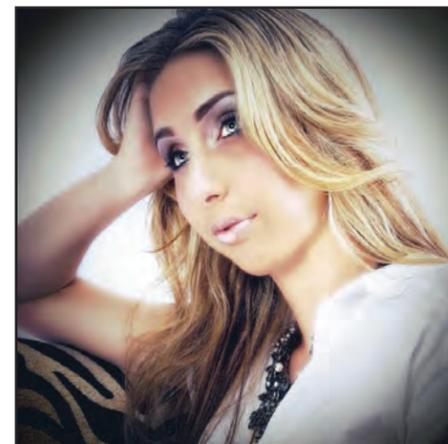
Leanne was also instrumental in the success of Furniture Plus' Plus Arts & Culture (PAC) Summer Showcase 2011. As Acting Sales & Store Operations for the Abaco Furniture Plus store, Leanne and other staff members help to organize the event, which incorporated the work of 26 artists like Marjolein Scott and Karen McIntosh of Abaco Ceramics. Currently, the store is featuring the work of a new artist every month this year, and Green Turtle Cay Artist Rome Hyer's stain glass lamps are now on display.

"It's important to network," Leanne disclosed. "Nassau artists have the advantage of having marketable art and the na-

tional art galleries."

However, Leanne is also a big advocate for decentralization of the arts, and would like to see more happening for the talented people of Abaco. Last week, she was delighted to attend the opening of the Hummingbird Gallery in Hope Town.

For more insight into her work as a painter, Leanne Russell can be contacted at leannersll@gmail.com or at leannerussellart.com.



Above: Abaco artist, Leanne Russell.



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History & Heritage

“How Wonderful it Was”

By Alton Lowe

Not so very long ago the small communities throughout the Abaco islands had maintained traditions that dated back to the arrival of their ancestors in the late 18th century. Men tipped their hats to the ladies, men and boys flew kites, played marbles, spun homemade tops and gathered on the beach to mend nets, scrape boat bottoms and tell tall tales. The ladies had their own social and work activities dedicated to cleaning and washing the clothes of their husbands and children. They also quilted, baked pies and bread in rock ovens and lovingly nurtured their families. All of this took place for many years when money was virtually non-existent.

Beginning in the 1950s, this world underwent a rapid change. Introduction of electricity, running water, telephone communication and, later, television and the computer, radically altered the small communities in these islands.

Iris Lowe, Colin Lowe and I began a series of character-based articles along with my paintings which were initially published in the 1970s. Those stories provide a marvelous insight into the lives of individuals, many of whom are now gone. Their stories are rich, wonderful and unique.

Each story, in the coming weeks, will appear in “The Abaconian” and allow readers to see how wonderful it was not so very long ago.

Norman Albury – Abaco Sailmaker

By COLIN LOWE

Originally published: *The Tribune* – February 17, 1977

“SAILMAKING isn't a difficult task, it just requires a good back,” says Norman Albury.

To a person who has been working at it for 70 years, it probably doesn't seem too difficult, but to a novice looking on, sailmaking appears to be anything but an easy craft.

It's almost a second nature to Mr. Norman, as he is known to almost everyone. This habit of calling people by their first names and prefixing it with a “Mister” or “Miss” is standard practice throughout The Bahamas; perhaps a part of the customs brought to the islands by Loyalists from the southern United States.

Also, there is a practical reason as among these small Out Island communities there are often many people with the same last name so using the first name helps to distinguish just who you are talking about. Then, too, everybody knows everybody else and has done so for all of their lives, so why the formality of last names? Addressing an older person as “Mister” or “Miss” is just a sign of respect,

Mr. Norman was born in 1897 at Man-O-War Cay so it was not surprising

that he developed a trade that was connected with the sea. He began sewing canvas when he was about ten-years-old, learning from his father who made sails for the sponging vessels in the area. Considering that sails were the only source of power that the native sloops and schooners had, the job of the sailmaker was one of importance.

Mr. Norman recalls that there were about four other sailmakers in the Abaco area during that period, one at Marsh Harbour, two at Hope Town and one at Green Turtle Cay.

A part from his sailmaking, Mr. Norman was a teacher at Man-O-War and at Green Turtle Cay. He was married to Selina Weatherford in 1919.

Man-O-war Cay has become quite a tourist centre in recent years and this has proved to be a boon for Mr. Norman and his family as well as the rest of the community. Man-O-War's charming harbour is a favorite of visiting yachtsmen and there are always sleek boats and tall masts

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Above: a portrait of Norman Albury, painted by Alton Lowe.

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Painting history

By Alton R. Lowe

lining the waterfront and at moorings.

But, it's not for sails that they stop by Mr. Norman's little shop where some of the Members of his family can always be seen busily at work cutting and sewing. In the shop there is a fine display of various hats, bags, jackets and other products made from a sturdy, colourful material that is similar to canvas. These are all made in the shop – in fact, visitors can see them being made – by some of the ladies in Mr. Norman's family. It's really a unique and successful family enterprise.

Mr. Norman isn't as active as he once was due to illness, but he is always happy to chat with visitors. He is a great source of local history and can still remember Man-O-War in the days before prosperity.

"Man-O-War has changed wonderfully," reflects Mr. Norman. "Why, there are 95 homes on this little island owned by foreigners now. There is a lot more money made here now, but there's also a lot more wasted."

Mr. Norman is one of the fine characters of the Out Islands who has witnessed during his lifetime a great many changes in his community and in his country. He carries within him a knowledge and a living memory of an important part of the history of his native land. This is something to be highly valued.

If I had been asked at the age of sixteen, when I left The Bahamas to become an artist, what I hoped to achieve in life, I would have been hard pressed to provide an answer. Like my own country whose sense of identity developed slowly over many decades, culminating in self-government in 1967 and independence in 1973, my own vision of who I was and what I could accomplish in life came slowly. Those first sixteen years, however, were truly formative years, and they have molded and enriched my life to this day.

In those early years, I took for granted, as did most Bahamians, the unique beauty which surrounded me as I grew up. It was only after leaving The Bahamas to study in the United States that I slowly realized what a marvelous place my country was and to this day remains, and this has profoundly affected my work. An artist can paint anything anywhere. His talent is only limited by his vision. As many people know, I have chosen to paint primarily Bahamian subjects year after year. I have done this out of a great love for The Bahamas, its people and its heritage. It is my intent and my vision to amass a body of work that over time will show people for generations to come what The Bahamas was, is and can become.

My interest in our traditions took shape when I was twelve years old and organized the Empire Day celebrations

on Green Turtle Cay. It amazes me, and even makes me laugh to think of the "old" people allowing me to do so. I designed the costumes, organized the plaiting of the maypole and got older people to recite original poems and to sing island ballads. At this time and later, I was also active in Green Turtle Cay's New Year's Day "Bunce Parades", once again designing costumes and organizing the parade.

In 1976, one of the proudest moments of my life occurred when I established the Albert Lowe Museum at Green Turtle Cay. I was determined that the wonderful stories I had heard as a boy would not be lost. The museum, named in honour of

my ship-building father, was meant to be a place that could tell the story of these islands and its early people: the Lucayans, the Loyalists and their descendants, and the slaves who accompanied them and became the backbone of the country. This was the first museum in The Bahamas. At times it has been a struggle financially to keep the museum open, but over the years, tourists and journalists from all over the world have come to the museum and learned about our history and culture. Those who are interested know that The Bahamas is much more than "sand, sea

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Painting of the Hole-in-the-Wall Lighthouse, by Alton Lowe.

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and sun". Today, not only tourists, but numerous groups of students from the Out Islands and Nassau visit the museum to learn about their past. It has become a very useful educational tool and continues to energize me in terms of our history and our environment. Although I have never received government financial support, I would like to say that The Bahamas Government has always fully supported this effort. Indeed, the museum was officially opened by Sir Clement Maynard and opening ceremonies were attended by hundreds of people from throughout the island and abroad.

Many good things flowed from establishing the museum. Bahamians from Green Turtle Coy and neighbouring islands took renewed interest in family genealogy. I established committees and worked with officials in Nassau, principally in the Ministry of Tourism under Sir Clement Maynard and officials in Key West, Florida (where many Bahamians have relatives), to develop a program to reunite families which had long since lost contact with each other. This was the original Island Roots Festival. Hundreds of people participated on both sides of the Gulf Stream. Ceremonies took place both on Green Turtle Cay and in Key West. The Bahamas Government fully supported these efforts. This always included high-ranking official representation and support. As part of the first year's program, officials on both sides established Green Turtle Cay and Key West as "Sister Cities". Throughout the years, these festivities have been covered by ZNS as well as Miami's Channels 10 and 4.

A second major result of establishing the museum was a renewed interest in archaeology, making sense of artifacts readily available from Lucayan days and early settlements of Loyalists. A close friend, Robert Carr, an internationally

respected archaeologist, organized a dig which located the early settlement of Carleton on Great Abaco. His work continues up to the present. In April 2003, he sent a group to analyze the area at the New Plymouth jail in Green Turtle Cay. Additionally, he has excavated material on the museum grounds and helped authenticate and date materials now at the museum. Recently the government hired Bob Carr to excavate Preacher's Cave at Eleuthera where they discovered Lucayan artifacts and material from the Eleutheran Adventurers.

A third result was the publication in 1983 of Sandra Riley's book *Homeward Bound: A History of the Bahamas to 1850* and contains a definitive study of Abaco in the American Loyalist Plantation Period. The book remains in print and has helped preserve information which might well have been lost. Her research material is archived at the museum.

Finally, the fourth significant result of opening the museum and the growing interest in the past was the creation of the Memorial Sculpture Garden at Green Turtle Cay. I had dreamed for years of creating a sculpture garden which would celebrate the landing of the Loyalists and their slaves in The Bahamas. The Garden's basic design is in the form of the Union Jack. Placed at intervals are pedestals with bronze busts of descendants of the early settlers. A bronze plaque on each pedestal tells an individual's story. Centered in the Garden are two young ladies in bronze standing atop a large pedestal. The bronzes are all created by my friend, James Mastin. The center sculpture was entitled by Mastin, *The Landing*. Ground-breaking ceremonies under the auspices of Lady Pindling gave a strong start to project which took fully four years to complete. The Garden is a monument to Loyalists and slave alike. Both started new lives and became something unique: neither British nor African, but something new—Bahamian. The Garden, which was

officially opened by Sir Clement Maynard in 1987, was declared a Bahamas National Monument and today attracts hundreds of tourists. It has been written up in dozens of articles published in newspapers and magazines around the world. As a proud Bahamian, I might add that the Garden was the model for another Sculpture Garden created at Key West several years ago. I would also like to say that without the financial support of many people in Nassau and other islands, neither the idea nor the work of sculptor James Mastin would have ever seen the light of day.

Two other areas of interest should be mentioned as being solid contributions to Bahamian society and culture. I have always been interested in the performing arts and for twenty-eight years have sponsored a cultural weekend at Christmas. Concerts, plays and talks have been organized over the years. Community support has been little short of magnificent, and audiences come from islands near and far. The annual weekend is supported by the Ministry of Tourism and information is widely disseminated through various publications. Many foreigners schedule their visits to coincide with the weekend. Performers are both foreign and Bahamian. Recently, Key West sent a seventy-member Chorale for the occasion and Miami's Momentum Ballet Company has twice brought its troupe to perform under American grants to their company.

While these activities have enriched my own life and that of many others, my main work and interest continues to be painting in oils. As of today, I have held thirty-eight one-man shows in Nassau. I've also recently opened up a gallery at my home on Black Sound, Green Turtle Cay, which is open for special exhibitions of my work throughout the year and by appointment when otherwise closed. I would like to think that the paintings which I have created through the years make up a body of work that uniquely tells the story of this beautiful land and her remarkable people. Life has been rich in these islands, but it has also been hard. Weak men and women would not have survived. Indeed, many of the strong did not survive. I have spent years recording in oils the lives of white and black Bahamians. While many of these paintings are now in private hands, I expect that over time many will come into public view, and the world will see what a rich legacy has been left to future generations.

I would be remiss if I did not discuss the stamp paintings, now numbering over one hundred. These have taken even me

by surprise. The first set of four "Loyalist" paintings was done in 1983. Working with the Postmaster General at the time, John Saunders, I have produced paintings expressly for the Bahamas Government almost every year since. It has been a labour of love. I take great pride and I am grateful to the Government for having had the opportunity to be of service to my country in this way.

Summing up, people still marvel at the rich colours in my paintings, but these are true to life, as true as anything ever painted anywhere. I have sought to capture men and women at work and play, in all walks of life. I have done extensive research for my historical paintings, whether shipbuilding in the Abacos or Columbus landing at San Salvador. Old buildings, many sadly now gone, are forever memorialized. The beauty of our country shown in seascapes and landscapes, at dawn and at sunset, even in the luminous light of the moon, have, I believe, awakened many of us to the need to preserve what we have for future generations. These paintings have also served as "ambassadors of good will" for many people who either see them in private homes, public institutions or through the hundreds of articles in newspapers and magazines as well as television interviews done over the years. I have loved this country and discover each year new reasons for continuing my work. Many of my paintings, especially the tropical flowers and plants, are purchased for their beauty. These paintings also hold a truth: we must preserve and enhance what God gave us in these islands. I have developed a vision as I have matured and my paintings are at the core of that vision.

Now that I am spending more time on Green Turtle Cay than I have for many years, friends have urged me to exhibit my original paintings not only here at my gallery on green Turtle Cay, but where many Abaconians and foreign friends can see them. My cousin, Percy Pinder and his family, have been kind enough to offer their establishment as an exhibition space.

Thus, on February 16, at the Sand Dollar Shoppe in Marsh Harbour, twenty of my paintings will be on display until Feb. 21. While all the paintings will be for sale, I'm excited that, after all these years, Abaconians and other friends will have an opportunity to see my originals instead of reproductions.

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Precious memories of Jim will linger in the hearts of his loving Sons: David and Ricardo (Ricky); His Grandchildren: Taylor Hall and Vera Hall; His Brothers: Al, Evan and Ossie Hall; His Sisters: Dorothea Hall, Beatrice Sands and Geanette Albury; Brothers-in-law: Tony Sands and Lonnie Albury; Sisters-in-law: Phyllis Pugh and Juanita Hall; His Nieces: Kristi Wong, Lonnette Ferguson, Fallon Albury, Misty Romero, Angelique Hall, Jessie Hall.. and Renee Pugh; His Nephews: John and Stephan Hall, Cameron Knowles, Luke Hall and Austin Hall; Niece-in-law: Gina Knowles; Nephews-in-law: Lydell Ferguson and Danny Romero. He is also survived by a host of other relatives and friends including:

Emily Jerlene Curry in New Plymouth, Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, Bahamas.

Barbara was predeceased by her husband Foster, her parents Theodore Cromwell and Emily Jerlene Curry, sister Cynthia Lowe and brother Curtis Curry. She is survived by one son Foster Ellsworth Weech and one daughter Paula-Leonne Unhjem. Son-in-law Ivar Unhjem, daughter-in-law Anne Weech. Sisters Esther Darville and Beverly Curry, sisters-in-law Elva Sweeting and Doreen Weech, brothers-in-law Vertrum Lowe and Patrick Sweeting. Grandchildren Michelle and Matthew Key, Troy and Angela Unhjem, Ronny and Kristina Unhjem, Kelly and Jonathan Dam. Great-grandsons Cody, Bradley, Dylan Unhjem and Brayden Dam. Great-granddaughters Nikita Unhjem, Mackenzie Dam and Jennifer Cooke. Godson Grafton Ifill Jr.

She is also survived by 11 nephews, 10 nieces and a host of other relatives and friends including Martha Albury, Cherine McKinney, Cheryl Sweeting, Trevis and Peggy Curry, Anne Parotti, Sadie Lowe, Pat Bethel, Peter and Sally Sweeting, Wallace and Denise McDonald, John and Karen Dam, Edmond and Chere' Pinder, Clifton and Nancy Smith, Cheryl Cooke, Dr. Frank Boyce and the staff at Abaco Family Medicine.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, January 12th at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour, Abaco at 11am.



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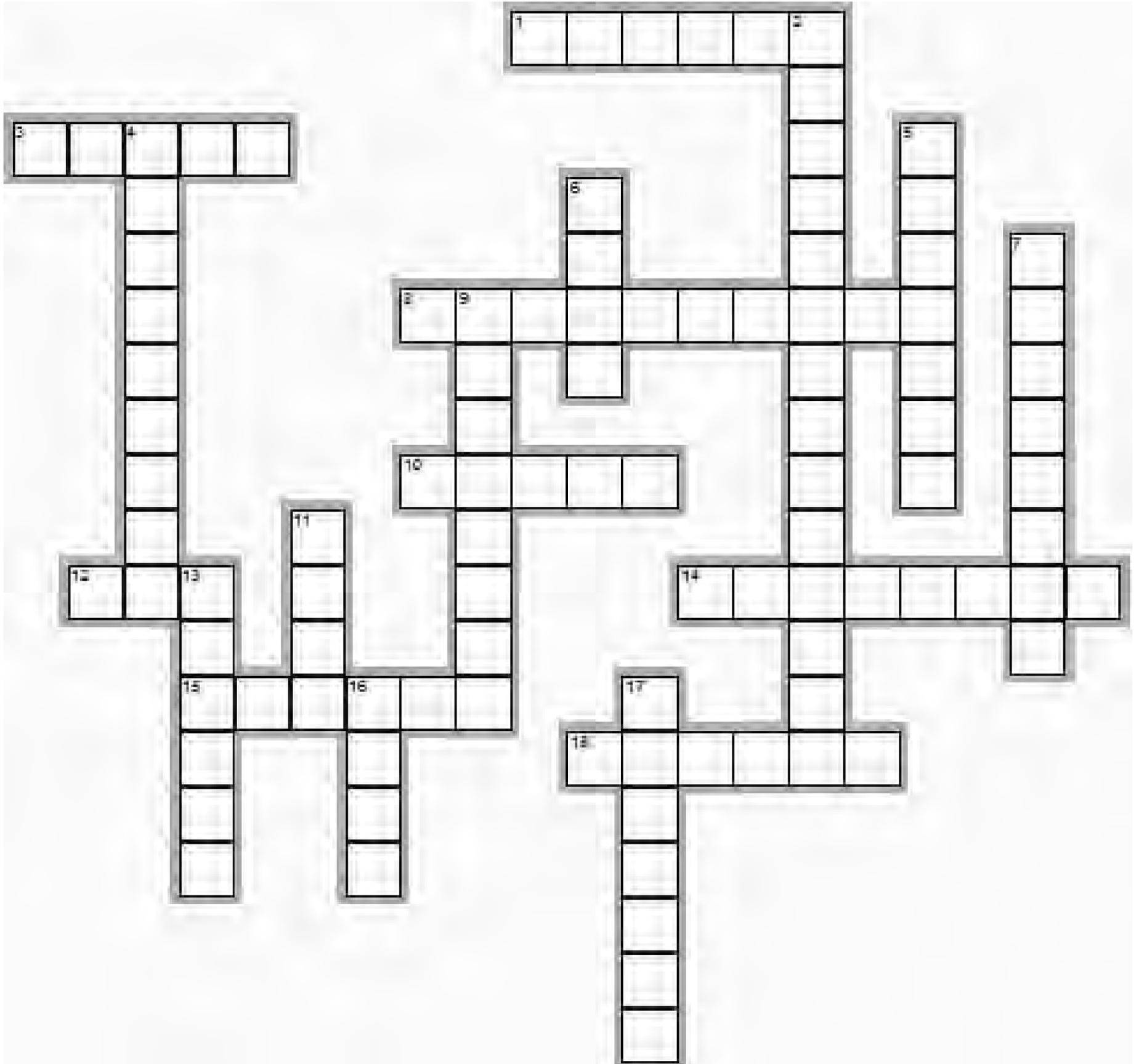
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January 15 Clues

Across

1. The 12 of these are studied in astrology.
3. (Slang) We done _____; To arrive
8. By its very _____
10. You'll find the tuba in this section.
12. Spreadbale made with fruits.
14. Concept of what's mine is mine and what's yours is yours.
15. Where food is prepared on a ship.
18. When a duck can't fly or swim it must _____.

Down

2. _____ monarchy; Bahamian style of government.
4. The Down Under.
5. To slowly shrink.
6. Good luck catching anything without _____.
7. _____ Rule, Celebrated January 10.
9. Forever.
11. Fool someone by pulling this over their eyes.
13. High and _____.
16. Joy, Peace and _____, the greatest of these.
17. Richard the Lionheart's opponent.

January 1 Crossword Answers

Across

1. **MAYANS**—The 2012 End-of-the-world prophecy attributed to _____
4. **AUDUBON**—This society in Abaco are avid bird-watchers.
5. **BRAVE**—DPM's nickname.
9. **DUNE**—Coastline feature extremely susceptible to hurricanes and surges.
11. **WINE**—Comes in red and white.
12. **RESOLUTION**—Made at the beginning of the year.
15. **EMERALDS**—_____ and rubies.
17. **FIREWORKS**—A common sight at midnight on new Years.

Down

2. **SUBSTITUTE**—To use in place

of; or a student's favourite type of teacher.

3. **CLARIDGE**—This "ultra-runner" will attempt Crown Haven to Sandy point.
5. **BILNEY**—_____ Lane; Orphanage in Nassau.
6. **PATTERSON**—Byrle _____, a memorial park in Hope Town.
7. **BLUES**—Precursor to rock n' roll.
8. **WINNER**—Everyone's a _____!
10. **DELTA**—This airline is eyeing Abaco as a possible new commercial destination.
13. **CRABS**—These come in white, black or blue, among others.
14. **FLUSH**—This "Royal" always wins.
16. **SIMMONS**—Bill _____ Construction; company given Abaco's road contract in Otober and again for January.

CRIME REPORT

Drug Arrest (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 10:54pm on 29th December, 2012, Officers of the M.H.P.S. arrested a 21 year old male and a 16 year old male, both of Murphy Town, in reference to Possession of Dangerous Drugs. Officers conducted a search of the accused persons in the area of Murphy Town and discovered a plastic bag containing marijuana. As a result, they were arrested and charged.

Shopbreaking (Under Investigation)

At 9:45am on 28th December, 2012, a 30 year old male of Crossing Rocks, Abaco reported that sometime between 5:30pm on 27th December and 9:30am on 28th December, 2012, some unknown person broke into a local clothing store located Marsh Harbour. The culprit stole an assortment of men's clothing. Police action requested.

Officers of the Central Detective Unit are investigating this matter.

Shopbreaking (Under Investigation)

At 10:40am on 28th December, 2012, a 37 year old female of Crossing Rocks, Abaco, reported that sometime between 7:00pm on 27th December, 2012 and 10:40am on 28th December, 2012, some unknown person/s broke into a local Beauty Shop located Marsh Harbour, Abaco. The culprit searched but nothing appears to be stolen. Police action requested.

Officers of the Central Detective Unit are investigating this matter.

Unlawful Sexual Intercourse (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 12:05am on 29th December, 2012, a 28 year old female of Marsh Harbour reported that sometime around 12:02am same date, she and her boyfriend caught an adult male in her residence with her 15 years old sister of the same address. Police action requested.

Suspect Arrested

Officers of the M.H.P.S. were dispatched to the scene where they arrested the suspect: a 20 year old male of Spring City, Abaco. The suspect was brought to M.H.P.S. where he was charged for the offence. Investigation continues.

Causing Harm (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 10:25am on 28th December, 2012, a 29 year old male of Murphy Town, Abaco,

reported that sometime around 7:00am the same date while at a friend's residence in Murphy Town, a young man known to him caused harm to him. Police action requested.

Officers at the M.H.P.S. are continuing investigations into this matter.

Stealing (Under Investigation)

At 12:42pm on 28th December, 2012, a 29 year old female of Murphy Town, Abaco reported that sometime between 9:40pm and 10:25pm on 27th December, 2012, some unknown stole from her residence cash and other valuables.

Officers of the Central detective Unit are investigating this matter.

Sudden Death

At 12:50am on 26th December, 2012, a 43 year old male of Marsh Harbour reported that his father, 71 years of age, of Marsh Harbour died at his residence located at Marsh Harbour. Police action requested.

Same date, a local Doctor pronounced the body dead and reported that the deceased was suffering from lung cancer. Foul play was not suspected in this matter.

Damage (Under Investigation)

At 10:00am on 26th December, 2012, a 60 year old female of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, reported that sometime between 6:30pm on Monday 24th December, 2012, and 10:00am on Wednesday 26th December, 2012, some unknown person/s broke the front glass-door to her shop, located in Marsh Harbour, Abaco. Police action requested.

Officers of the Central detective Unit are investigating this matter.

Housebreaking (Under Investigation)

At 6:20am on 25th December, 2012, a 48 year old female of Spring City, Abaco, reported that sometime around 6:15am on Tuesday 25th December, 2012, some unknown person/s broke into her residence. The culprit searched and stole cash. Police action requested.

Officers of the Central detective Unit are investigating this matter.

Housebreaking (Suspect arrested, charged and property recovered)

At 5:30pm on 4th January, 2013, a 71 year old male of Treasure Cay, Abaco, reported to the Treasure Cay Police Sta-

tion that sometime between 11:00am and 5:15pm on 4/1/13, some unknown person/s entered his residence and stole an iPhone. Police action requested.

Arrest Update

At 7:30pm on 7th January, 2012, through good community support and intelligence, Cpl. Boyd c/o Green Turtle Cay Police Station arrested a 21 year old male and recovered the stolen items.

Housebreaking (Suspect arrested, charged and property recovered)

At 2:30pm on 4th January, 2013, a 75 year old female resident of Treasure Cay reported to the Treasure Cay Police Station that sometime between 11:00am and 1:00pm on 4th January, 2012, some unknown person/s entered her residence and stole one iPhone. Police action requested.

Arrest Update

At 7:30pm on 7th January, 2012, through good community support and intelligence Cpl. Boyd c/o Green Turtle Cay Police Station arrested a 21 year old male and recovered the stolen items

Stealing From a Vessel (Suspect arrested, charged and property recovered)

At 11:15am on 5th January, 2012, a 63 year old male of Treasure Cay, Abaco, reported that sometime between 4:30pm and 6:00pm on 4th January, 2013, some unknown person/s entered his vessel a 30ft Pursuit that was docked at a local dock at Treasure Cay and stole one I phone, a Droid and a wallet containing \$100.00. Police action requested.

Arrest Update

At 7:30pm on 7th January, 2012, through good community support and intelligence Cpl. Boyd c/o Green Turtle Cay Police Station arrested a 21 year old male in connection with this incident.

Causing Harm (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 9:10am on 4th January, 2013, a 38 year old female of the Mudd, Abaco, came to M.H.P.S. along with her son who reported that some around 8:00am on 4/1/13 while at their residence, his brother cut him on the hand with a sharp object. Police action requested.

Suspect Arrested

At 10:00am same date officers of the M.H.P.S. arrested the suspect age 16 year old of The Mudd in reference to this matter. He was brought to M.H.P.S. where he was charged for the offence.

Causing Harm (Under Investigation)

At 4:10pm on 6th January, 2012, a 27 year old female of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, reported that sometime around 3:44pm same date while at her residence, her ex-boyfriend caused harm to her. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Disorderly Behaviour, Throwing Missiles and Resisting Arrest (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 9:38am on 5th January, 2013, Officers of Sandy Point Police Station along with Police Reserves arrested a 40 year old male of Sandy Point under arrested reference to Disorderly Behaviour, Resisting Arrest and Throwing Missiles. The suspect in this matter was charged and released on court bail. Investigation continues.

Unlawful Entry (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 6:00pm on 2nd January, 2012, a 53 year old of Murphy Town, Abaco, reported that on Monday 31st December, 2012, he discovered that some person/s entered into and was living in his unoccupied storage apartment in Murphy Town, Abaco. He received information that a male known to him who was recently arrested for stealing is responsible for this matter. Police action requested.

Suspect Charged

Officers of the Central Detective Unit Abaco charged the suspect in this matter.

Disorderly Behaviour (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 12:45am on 2nd January 2012, officers of the M.H.P.S. arrested a 39 year old male of Dundas Town, Abaco in reference to Disorderly Behavior and Resisting Arrest while at a local Inn located Crockett Drive, Abaco. The accused was brought to M.H.P.S. where he was booked in and charged for the offence.

DRUG ARREST

At about 6:10pm on 1st January, 2013, Cpl. Boyd c/o Green Turtle Cay Police Station arrested a 19 year old male of Green Turtle Cay, Abaco reference to Possession of Dangerous Drugs. He was subsequently charged for the offence.

Abaconians in the News

Two Abaconians nominated for the 2012 Cacique Award

By Mirella Santillo

Two Abaconians, nominated for the 2012 Cacique Award, have remained on the finalists list in their category. They are Mr. Malcom Spicer in the Event Planner category and Mrs. Candace Key, who was nominated in two categories, Human Resources Development and Sustainable Tourism. The list of their contribution to Abaco tourism is impressive, with both of them achieving international recognition.

Mr. Spicer, a former educator, is the founder of several sports associations, such as soccer and darts. Since 1997, Mr. Spicer has acted as President of the Abaco Football Association (soccer), of which he wrote the rules, constitution and by-laws.

He founded the Darts Association, for which he has acted as Secretary ever since, in 1986. He has been President of the World Darts Federation, Americas Region, since 2000 and Secretary General, Caribbean Darts Association since 1990. He has been responsible for planning and coordinating all six World Darts Federation Americas Cup International Tournaments and in 2010, arranged for the 18th Caribbean Cup and 5th Americas' Cup to be hosted on Abaco. It was a great success which contributed to him being asked to help hosting the prestigious Latin American Region's International World Series Little League Tournament.

As Chairman of the Bahamas International Little League World Series Tournament Organizing Committee, he was responsible for coordinating the whole event. The Tournament took place in the Summer of 2011. It was an amazing event that put Abaco on the list of destinations for sports tournaments.

Candace Key, a resident of Hope Towns and with 35 years dedicated to education at Hope Town Primary School, has taught four generations of students to

develop a strong respect for the environment. She was nominated by the school Principal, Justin Higgs, and is excited to be part of what she said is the most important of Cacique Awards, commemorating fifty years of tourism and forty years of independence.

In 2010, the Hope Town Primary School was recognized by the UNESCO for being a leader in international environmental stewardship. In November of 2012, the new Media Center added to the school was dedicated to the teacher with the name of Candace Key Media Center.

The candidates will be honored in Nassau on January 27, 2013.



Above: Malcolm Spicer, former educator, is the founder of several sports associations. He was nominated for the Event Planner Category of the Cacique Award.

Insights

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word, never. Be an "I am starting right now" kind of person.

-Don't waste time getting ready to act. Start acting instead.

-Get in gear and go!

Chapter 11 - How to turn defeat into victory

-Study setbacks and pave your way to success from the lesson learnt

-Have the courage to be your own critic; seek out your faults and correct them!

-Stop blaming luck. Research each setback. Find out what went wrong.

Based on you findings do it differently the next time.

-Blend persistence with experimentation. Stay with the goal and experiment from time to time.

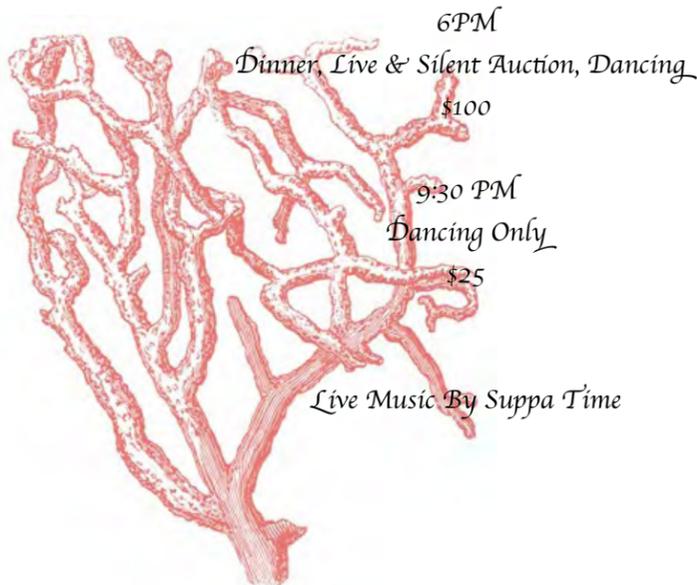
-There is a good side to every situation. Find it and use it to beat discouragement.

Chapter 12 concludes the book and provides some profound steps on how to apply new habits in your life to think more like a leader and become a better individual. I will leave you to seek out the wisdom that is presented in this final chapter and wish to thank you for being a great partner on the journey as we discovered ... "The Magic of Thinking BIG."

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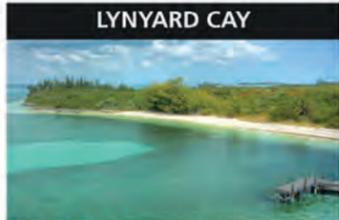
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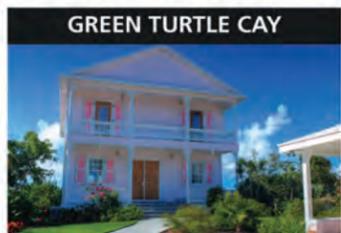


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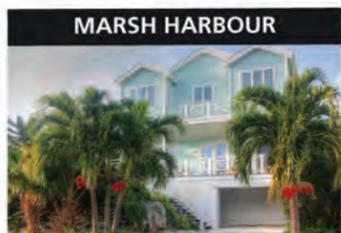
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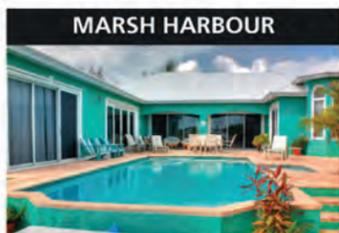
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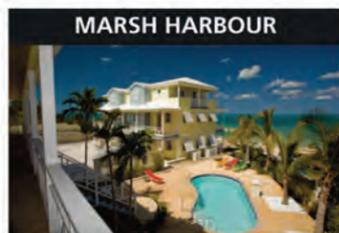
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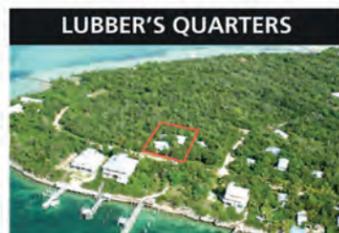
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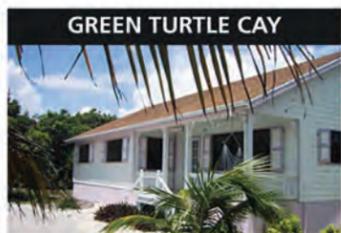
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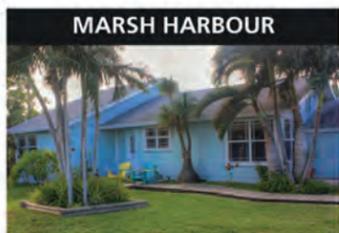
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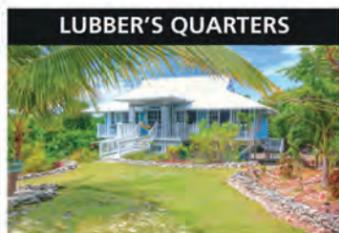
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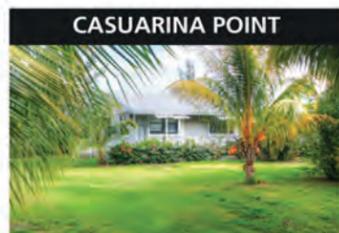
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Rental History!
Inviting 2 bdrm, 3 bath island retreat with hilltop views has a fantastic rental history to sweeten the deal.
\$349,000. Ref. AS11496



TREASURE CAY

Waterfront Living!
Bay views welcome you at this 2 bdrm turn-key condo with pool, deep water slip and finger dock.
\$300,000. Ref. AS12019



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On The Canal!
With 391 ft. of canal frontage and private dockage, this 3 bdrm, 1 bath home is a fisherman's paradise.
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